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MENDOTA'S FIRST ATODNEM was printed as the consolidation of the East and West high schools took place. During the past fifty years, rapid changes have taken place everywhere in the world. Many changes have also taken place at Mendota High School since the first yearbook publication. In the following pages the 1961 Atodnem staff points out these changes and gives you a "then and now" approach to the people and happenings at MHS.

Fifty wonderful years at MHS





Fifty years later . . .

IN THE SPRING of 1911 the first issue of the *Atodnem* was published under the leadership of Elmer Feik as "Editor-in-Chief." In one of the essays published therein, written by Mr. Feik, we find this statement: "Many people think education is valuable only in that it fills the mind with knowledge . . . In this they greatly err. The knowledge thus acquired is useful, but that is not the only thing. Education develops . . . keen and bright minds. The mind . . . is not a storehouse . . . but it is an instrument to be . . . fitted for the highest uses."

This point of view, fully as significant in 1961 as it was in 1911, has undoubtedly guided the thinking and planning of board members, administrators, teachers and citizens who have for these fifty years given their best to the education of the youth of the Mendota community. It is, indeed, appropriate that we pause a moment to pay tribute to all of those people who have over the years made contributions to the development of this school as an instrument of the community in order that the minds of the youth might be "fitted for the highest uses."

Mendota High School was born out of the desire of the citizens of Mendota to cooperate in providing the best possible secondary education for their chil-

dren, and out of the realization that this purpose could better be achieved through unselfish cooperation. This same desire to provide the best, and this willingness to cooperate, have been characteristic of the community for half a century, resulting in the continued maintenance of a school with high standards of accomplishment. The reputation of Mendota High School is attested by its continued membership in and unqualified approval by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the regional accrediting association covering nineteen states of Mid-America, since 1918.

During the span of years from the publication of "Volume One—Nineteen Eleven" to the Fiftieth Anniversary edition many changes have occurred. The district has expanded to a sprawling 201 square miles; enrollment has grown from ninety-two to more than six hundred; the program of studies changed in an effort to better meet the needs of the present school population. Further changes will be required in the years ahead if the educational needs of the young people are to be served as well in the future as they have been in the past. Perhaps our most ambitious wish in 1961 may well be that this school may continue to serve its proper purposes as well in its second fifty years as it did in its first; that the minds of those who pass through its doors may, indeed, be "fitted for the highest uses."

JW Price



THE ORIGINAL building was only two classrooms "deep". The view at the left shows not only the addition of 1927, which added a cafeteria and classrooms in a three-story addition on the west, but also the "new" gym, which was built in 1939. Full-grown shade trees and flowering shrubs beautified the campus. Some alumni may mourn the loss of part of this campus and miss the familiar front entrance. Problems of construction involved in adding the three-story addition in '57 made these changes necessary. Such are the sacrifices made to progress!

and a band room. The old gym was converted into a modern auditorium. A library was built at the east side of the study hall and modernized in 1952 into an outstanding school library.

In January, 1957, a proposal to build additions and to remodel the high school building and to issue bonds in the amount of \$1,150,000 was approved by the voters. Total expenditures to June 30, 1959, were \$1,156,771.32, with an estimated \$75,000 required to complete the program, including smoke screen partitions in corridors and remaining lockers.

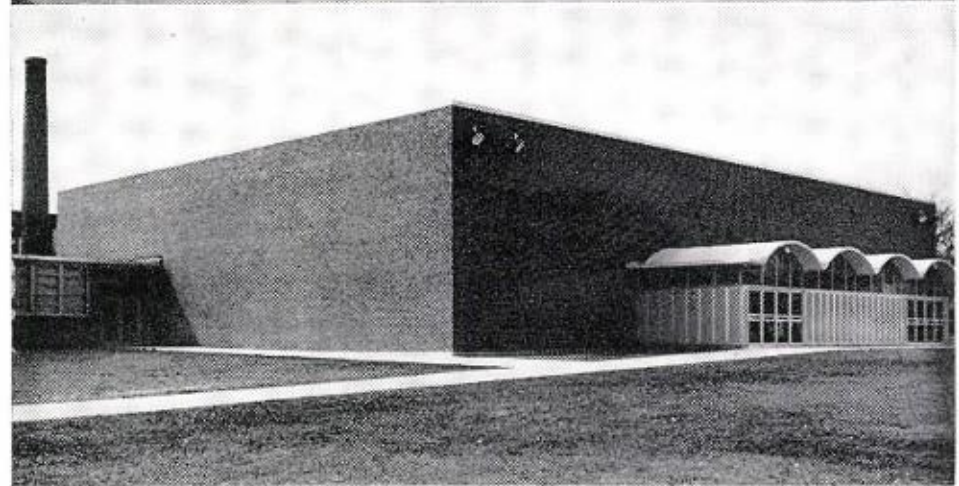
Major improvements resulting from the program were: a new south wing (three floors) including five classrooms, a chemistry-physics laboratory-classroom, and offices; a new agriculture department, including classroom and farm shop for high school and adult classes; a new metals shop and print shop in a completely new industrial arts department; a new gymnasium, adequate in size for both boys' and girls' physical education classes; new locker and shower rooms for boys; re-

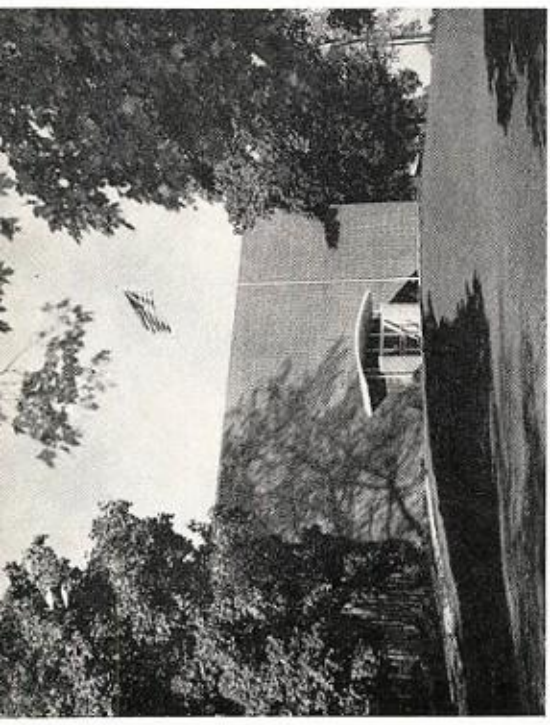
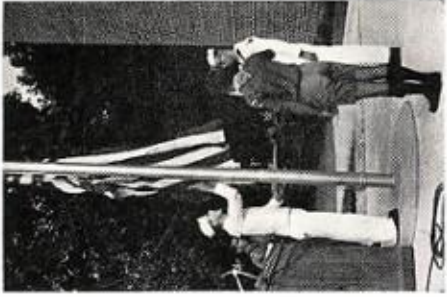
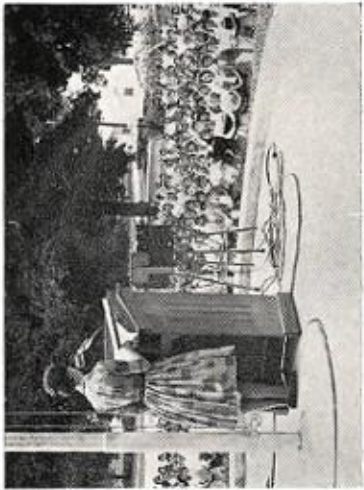
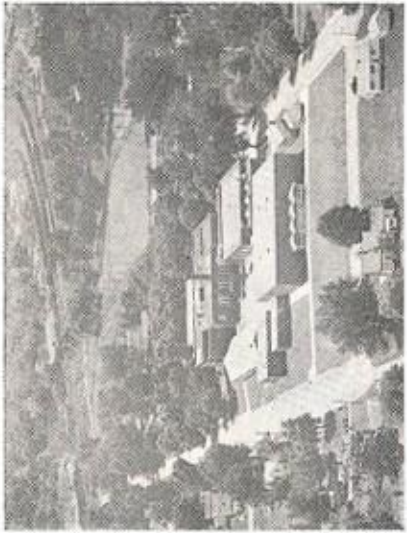
modeling of old gym providing expanded cafeteria facilities and girls' locker and shower rooms on first floor and enlarged facilities for homemaking, music, and art on the second; other remodeling and improvements in the old main building providing adequate quarters for the school nurse, an enlarged library, enlarged classrooms, redecorating and relighting the auditorium.

DIRECTLY BELOW, to the extreme left can be seen the new Industrial Arts department and the new three-story stairway. In the foreground are the Farm Shop and Agriculture rooms.

IN THE LOWER PICTURE can be seen the new gymnasium with its entrance which faces north. The new additions cover much of what used to be the old football field behind the school.

THE EAST SIDE of the building, shown here in a 1923 photo, remained unchanged until the building program of 1957.

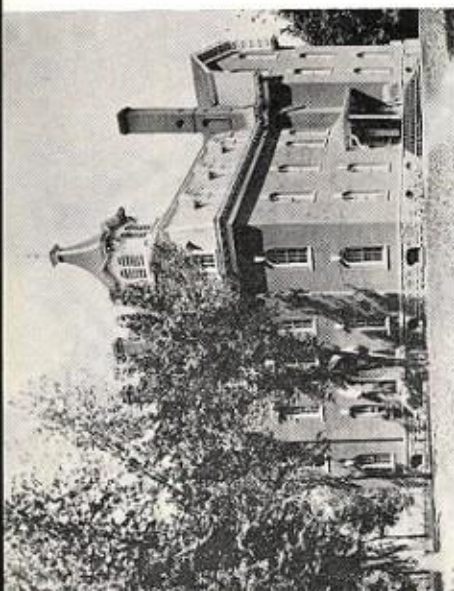




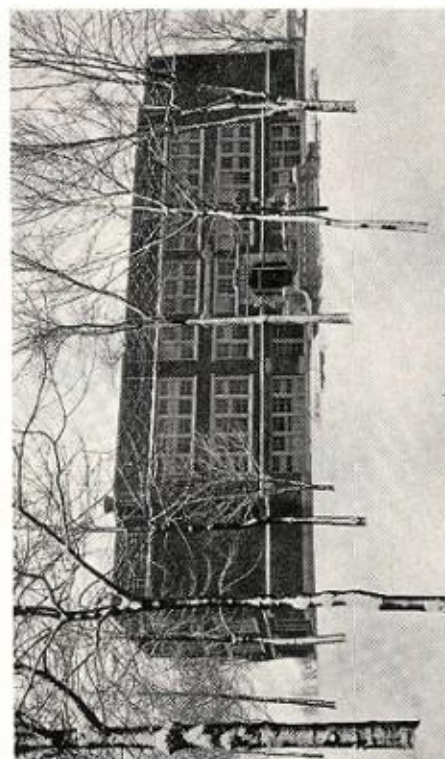
Student body of over six hundred dedicates new flag pole in our

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY year

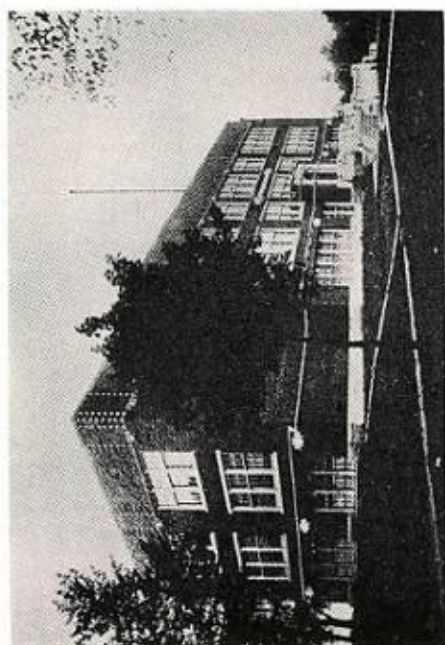




FIRST HOME of the consolidated high school in the fall of 1910 was Blackstone, which had housed the Blackstone High School since the late 1870's. It was built in 1869 upon land donated by Blackstone, early Mendota philanthropist. Enrollment in 1910 was ninety-two. The 1911 graduating class numbered sixteen.



THE NEW BUILDING was "enormous in size, covering one-fourth of a block."



MENDOTA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, built at a cost of \$115,000, opened its doors Monday, September 10, 1917. Enrollment was two hundred sixteen. The class of 1918, numbering 34, was the first to graduate from the new school.



THE PLACE — yesterday and today



UPON THE CONSOLIDATION of the East and West high schools fifty years ago, all high school classes were held in the Blackstone building, which had been erected back in 1869 at a cost of some \$30,000. However grand the original building may have seemed, it soon became inadequate for the consolidated school. The lack of a gymnasium was keenly felt by the students of 1911. In 1915 the state superintendent of public instruction said that conditions in Blackstone were as bad as the worst in the state.

The need for a separate township high school in its own building had been discussed for many years. However, such a proposal had been voted down in 1914. A township high school district was voted in 1915. (Women were not allowed to vote.) After much discussion pro and con, the site of the former Advent College was purchased as a location for the new school.

Newspaper accounts relate that excavating for the foundation in August, 1916, had to be halted because of the heat and that the first facing brick were laid by Simon Lee, pioneer Mendota builder. In December, 1916, the contractor, Charles Karr, Clinton, Ill., died of pneumonia. The public became alarmed when it was reported that the cost of the new building would exceed \$100,000 — labor had increased 40% — and proceedings were started in Ottawa against the school board in January, 1917. In April contracts were awarded to Construction Service Co., Mendota, Charles D. Larabee, Mgr., to finish the township high school. In that same month an injunction was granted objectors in MTHS case preventing the county treasurer from assessing taxes for the township high school until a decision was reached. In June an act to legalize organization of certain high school districts became law — "all pending actions shall abate."

The doors of the new school opened Monday, September 10, 1917, with an enrollment of 216. The building cost \$115,000 and contained an assembly hall, ten

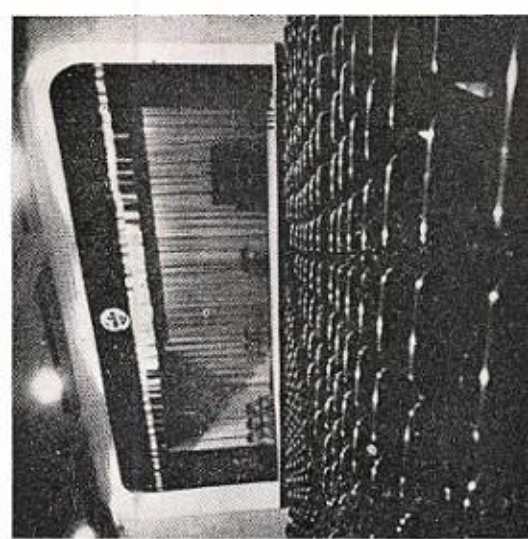
classrooms, and an office plus a gymnasium, which served also as an auditorium.

An addition was put on the west side of the building in 1927, great pains being taken to match the brick of the new with the old. The addition housed a new cafeteria as well as a gym room, art room, commercial and additional classrooms. The project cost \$40,000 and was paid for with tuition funds laid aside. There was no recourse to bond issue or increase in tax levy.

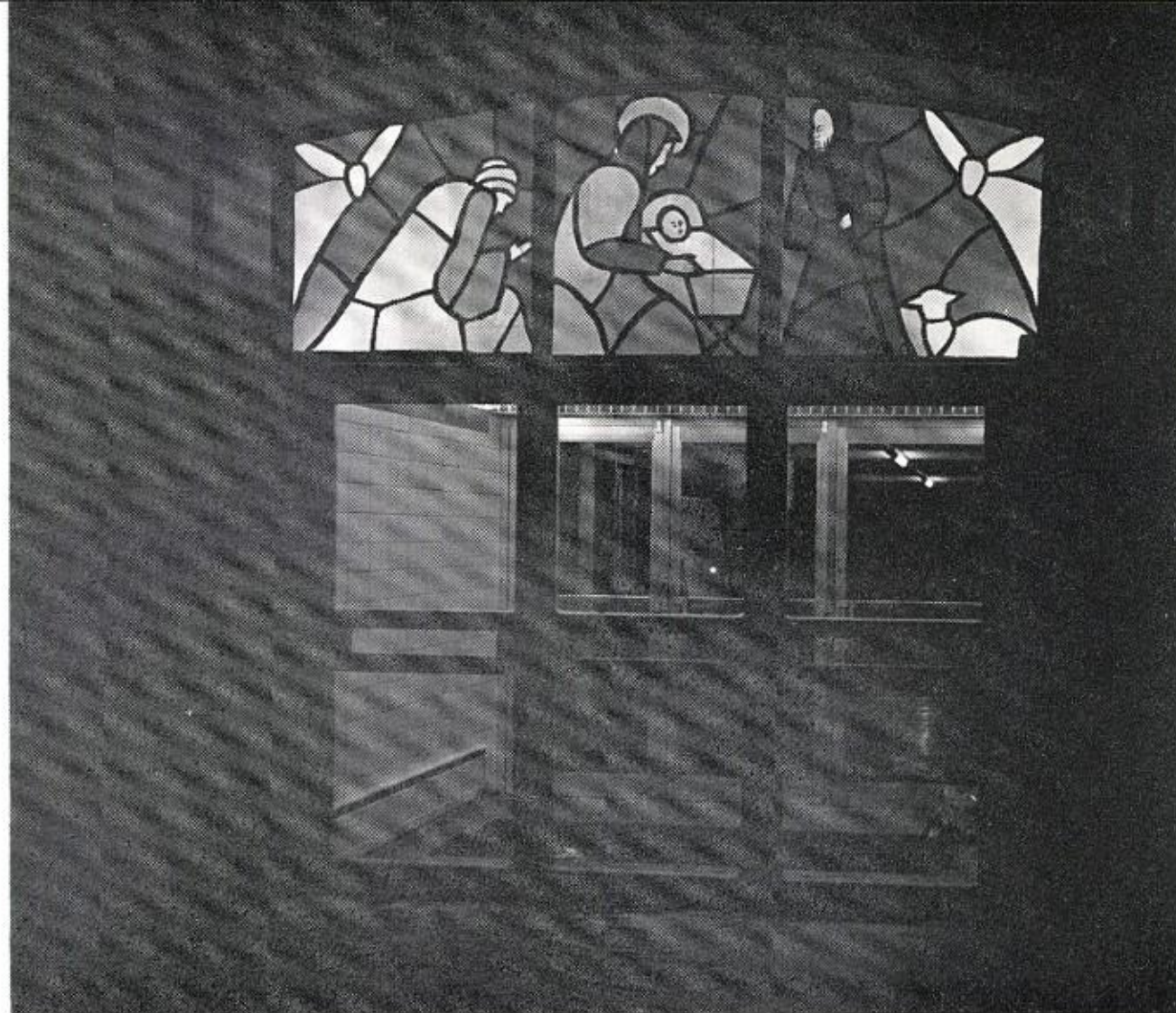
By 1931 the need for a new athletic field became apparent. Property south of the high school was acquired for the project, which cost \$15,000. Lights were added several years later as have been bleachers and a field-house. The new field boasted a 220-yard straightaway track, one of the few in the state. In 1953 additional property was acquired east of the school for a practice field.

In 1939 a large addition was built on the northwest corner of the building. This cost \$120,000 and provided a large, modern gymnasium, locker and shower rooms,

THE OLD, old gym was converted into this auditorium in '39. These curtains, new then, have been replaced with a completely new set this year — the gift of the late Mrs. Kenneth B. Butler.



FOR THE CHRISTMAS season the glass panels of our entrance were decorated by Mr. Hagen with colored, translucent mosaics depicting the Nativity. The effect was especially beautiful at night.



N APPRECIATION

SOMETIMES credit lines and thank-you's are tacked on at the end of the final page. We prefer, however, to express our gratitude here to the many groups and individuals who have helped to make this special edition possible. Without their encouragement, help and cooperation we should not have been able to complete our very ambitious task.

With sincere appreciation we say thank-you—

- ☐ To the Board of Education for their endorsement of our Golden Anniversary edition.
- ☐ To our principal, Mr. Price, for his continued encouragement and very real help.
- ☐ To the several groups who met with Mr. Price and the Atodnem sponsor to formulate plans and offer suggestions.
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- ☐ To our faculty members, who have been cooperative and patient on our picture-taking days; to Mr. Rieke, who took many special pictures for us; to individual teachers who have aided us in preparing copy for their department.
- ☐ To our class members, who have worked at concession stands, sold magazines, produced our class play, and supported all class projects in an effort to finance the major part of the publication cost.
- ☐ And to all who bought popcorn, drank pop, and placed advance orders for this Atodnem! Without your support we could not have produced this book.

THE ATODNEM STAFFS
and Eulalia Breese, Sponsor



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The faculty at MHS fifty years ago



IN 1911; when a faculty of five had the task of teaching the entire curriculum to a student body of ninety-two, each teacher had to have diversified knowledges, skills, and interests. We read, for instance, of the Latin teacher coaching girl's basketball and the class play and addressing the student assembly on the subject of current problems. To these and to their successors, the dedicated teachers of the past fifty years, we pay our homage. Their influence on the students they taught is incalculable.

MYRA J. HOWES
Principal



THEODORA PROEHL
German



E. H. MURRAY
Superintendent



CORA HANSELL
Science



ANNA SIMINGTON
Latin



The first Atodnem was dedicated to Myra Howes

BEST REMEMBERED of the 1911 staff because of her long years of service and the quality of that service was Myra Howes. She was principal of Blackstone for fifteen years and of the new consolidated school in 1910-1911. After teaching in Pasadena, California, she returned to Mendota in 1914 to teach mathematics until her permanent retirement in March, 1923. In reluctantly accepting her resignation, the Board of Education passed a resolution reading, in part:

"... Be it further resolved that we as individuals and as a Board of Education hereby tender a most sincere vote of thanks to Miss Howes in recognition of the service which she has rendered to the high school of this city—the length of which service has been equaled by no other teacher—and in appreciation of the efficient and faithful character of such service, which we also feel has been equaled by no other teacher."

After Miss Howes' death February 23, 1924, a page in the 1924 *M* was devoted to her memory. The assistant principal, Albert I. Hardy wrote, again in part:

"... Through long years of efficient service in the Mendota schools, Miss Howes wielded an influence that cannot be reckoned. Hers was a leadership that made for friendship and character building. Immensely kind and good, highly devoted to her work and to her pupils, she did good to all who came in touch with her beautiful life. We, her pupils and co-workers, shall cherish her memory throughout the years."

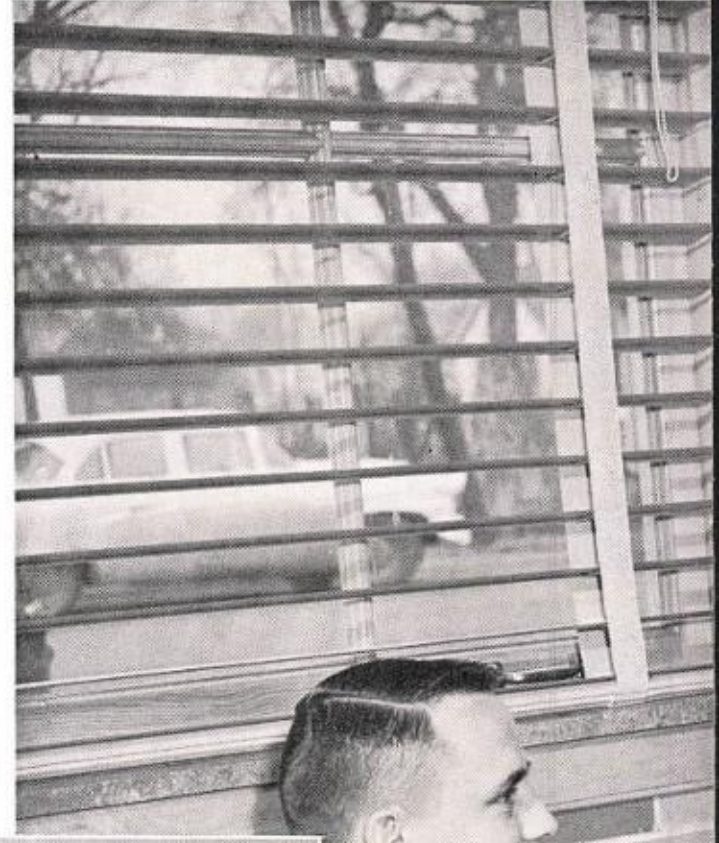
Upon the occasion of the 50-year jubilee reunion of the alumni in 1926 Supt. R. E. Beebe presented plans for a Myra Howes memorial—an award each year to the student who has been of most benefit to the school and community during the year. The requirements were to include character, scholarship, student influence, etc. Nearly \$400 was raised and placed out at interest to finance the annual award, known as the Myra Howes Key. For many years the winner of the key was chosen by faculty vote. In recent years the faculty selects three candidates, and the winner is selected by a vote of the juniors and seniors.

The recipients of the Myra Howes Key have been

1927 William Wenninger	1944 Francis Matychowiak
1928 Lloyd Richert	1945 Wayne Ashley
1929 Salvatore Randazzo	1946 Ruth Engelbrecht
1930 Jessica Huss	1947 Roger Butler
1931 William Swisher	1948 Lamar Brewbaker
1932 August Engelbrecht	1949 Robert Holler
1933 Marie Elsesser	1950 Marvin Ehlers
1934 Marion Blair	1951 Marilee Emerick
1935 Faith Cavell	1952 Delores Preston
1936 John Eichorn	1953 Bill Gehler
1937 Carl Hoffman	1954 Dennis Krenz
1938 Mary Louise Walzer	1955 John Meyer
1939 Clarence Harjes	1956 John Hood
1940 Lorraine Grosshans	1957 Arlinda Novak
1941 Christ Troupis	1958 Diane Schultz
1942 Ruth Van Etten	1959 Larry Davis
1943 Kenneth Truckenbrod	1960 Bob Merritt



FACULTY,
ADMINISTRATION 1911





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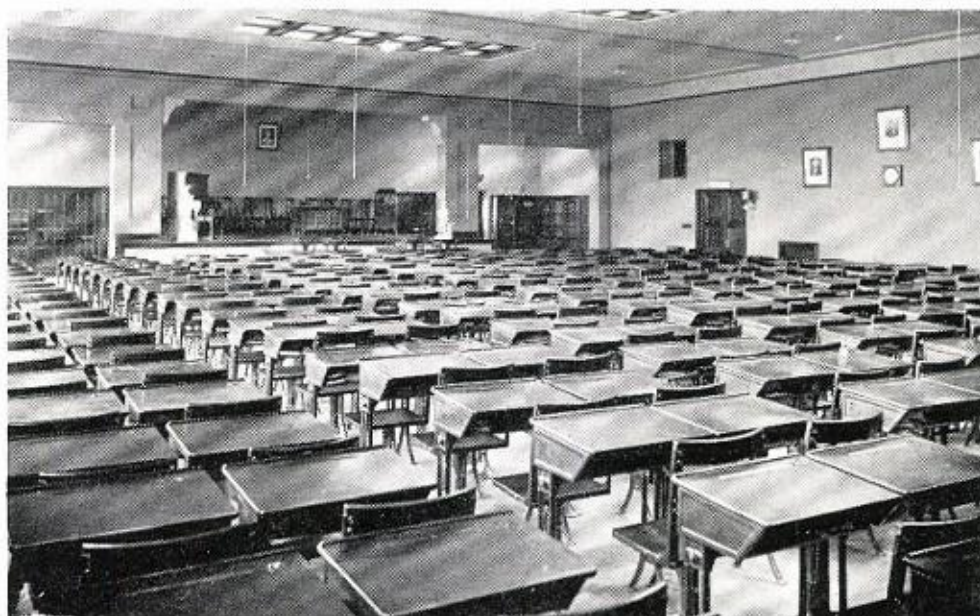
Familiar landmark

TO THE OLD GRAD returning to MHS today, these steps and the double stairway which used to lead to the old study hall midway between floors is one of the few familiar "landmarks" unchanged by the recent remodeling program. The door to the right leads to our new library as shown in the picture at lower right.

The white marble plaque honoring those who served in World War II, which was given by the Class of 1920, still hangs in its original position. Flag and statuette have long since been removed to allow for the traffic of a student body which has tripled since these stairs were built.

Nostalgic memories

THIS PICTURE of Room 13, the old study hall, will evoke varying memories in all former students who ever sat in its squeaky seats. Some will remember the special programs which were presented from its stage. Others will recall pulling the ceiling cords to darken skylights for movies. How many hours were spent staring at the pictures of Miss Howes and Galahad above the stage (a rare combination, we always thought) and of presidents George Washington, Abe Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt on the south wall! The meager library consisted of a few books behind glass doors on either side of the stage.

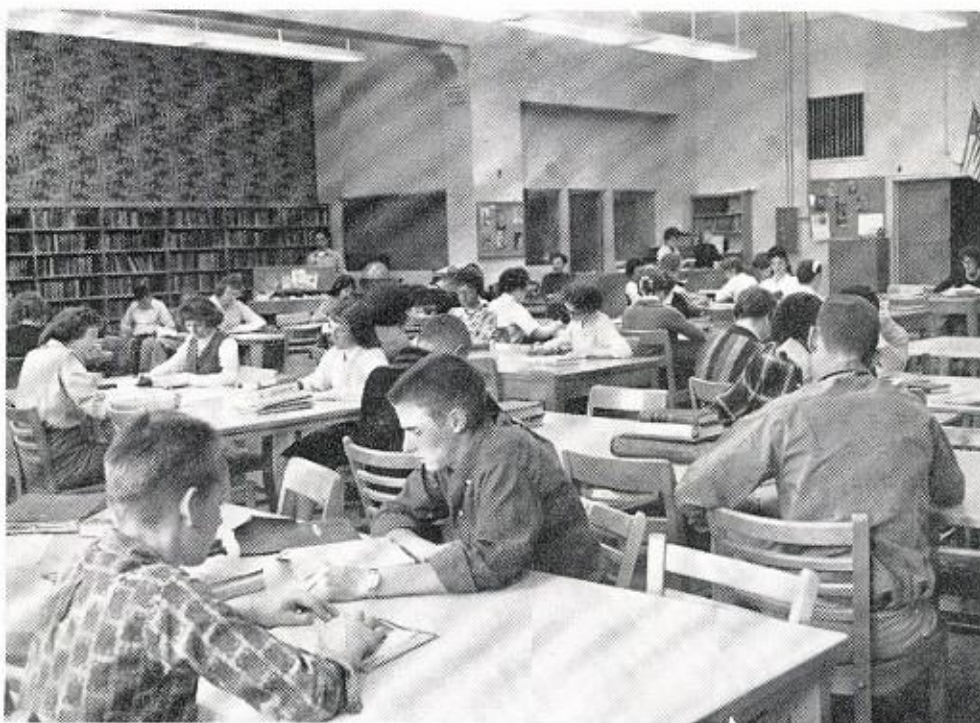


Changes

STUDY HALL, divided to provide space for a library in the east end, was remodeled and decorated in '52 and enlarged again in '57. The stage was removed, and the area is now the fiction and browsing section. A conference-periodical-reference room was built to the north and a library office to the south. Modern lighting and furniture make our library an attractive place, and supervision by a full-time librarian, Mrs. Doenier, has raised it to high standards of excellence as a school library.

The west end of old study hall has been remodeled into a suite of rooms for use by the school nurse.

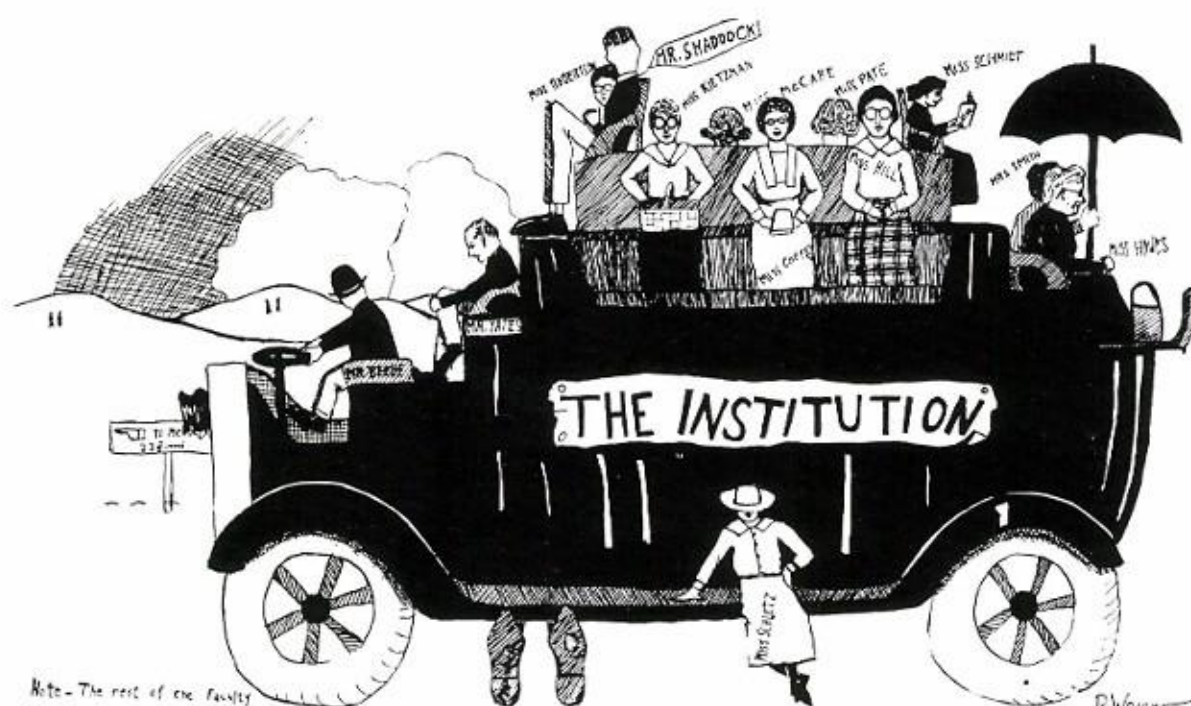
Study halls are now held in the new cafeteria as well as in the new study hall on second floor of the 1957 addition.



Our roster of the teaching faculty at Mendota High



STUDENT rarely knows while he is yet a student that the teachers he sees daily are shaping his growth as a human being. But when he is long gone from the classroom—and the moment for expressing gratitude is forever past—he knows, and is grateful. So he tells his children (if he has children) about the days when the schools were filled with teachers who really knew how to teach. And today's teachers suffer by comparison. But only for a little while. For today's students are tomorrow's parents, and today's teachers will receive their dues—tomorrow.



Note—The rest of the faculty
are gone for a stroll.

ABOVE IS A reproduction of one of several division page drawings done by Ruth Wright, a sophomore, for the 1921 M.

MABEL BROWN graduated from East Mendota High School with the Class of 1905. She taught first in the Wills country school south of town and was later principal of Lincoln Grade School. She started teaching commercial subjects in the Mendota High School in the fall of 1921. When she retired in 1951, completing forty-five years of teaching, her fellow faculty members sponsored an open house and reception. The very large number of former students who attended was witness to the affection and esteem in which she was held by all who studied under her.

HARRY W. MAUNTEL came to Mendota as a history and social science teacher in 1926. He was made assistant principal in 1932. Mr. Mauntel was in World War I and left Mendota in the summer of '43 to serve with the Red Cross in World War II. He returned to MHS, again as principal, in '47 and remained in that capacity until his retirement in 1955 — after which he moved to his home town, Holland, Indiana. Friends and former students remember Mr. Mauntel as an ardent philatelist who also enjoyed collecting geological specimens. The Mauntels have two sons, Richard and Robert, both graduates of Mendota High School.

ALICE E. POTTINGER came to MHS in 1926 after teaching experience which included three years in a missionary school in Vernal, Utah, and others in the Uintah Valley, Utah, and an Indian school in Nebraska. Miss Pottinger while at Mendota became known for her keen and broad interests. She was active in the Business and Professional Women, White Shrine, and King's Daughters. She was genuinely friendly and sincerely interested in the welfare of the students she taught; she never forgot a former pupil. When she retired in 1960 after 34 years at MHS, she was honored by the Alumni at their banquet and by her fellow faculty members on Class Day. Since her retirement she has more time for her special love, flowers — especially hemerocallis and lilies. And this spring, 1961, she took that long-anticipated trip to Europe!

ALTIZER, VERDIE, 1956-'60; Biology,
Coach
ANDERSON, ESTHER, 1936; Home
Economics
AYRES, DORIS, 1956; Chorus

BAILE, ROBERT, 1957—; Band
BARNETT, DOROTHY, 1920; Art
BARNETT, LUCILLE, 1922; English
BEALS, ROBERT, 1961—; Commercial,
Coach

BEEBE, RALPH, 1918; Principal, 1921-
'26; Superintendent and Principal
BEEMER, HOWARD, 1954; English,
Journalism

BENDER, VIRGINIA, 1961—; French,
Journalism

BONER, NELLIE, 1961—; English
BOOMER, SUSAN, 1913; Music, Art
BOOKER, WILLIAM, 1961—; Biology,
Coach

BORCHERT, JUANITA, 1913-'15; Art,
Music

BREESE, EULALIA, 1930—; Foreign
Language, English

BRENT, MARY PARSONS, 1949-'53;
Girls' Gym

BROGLY, EDWARD, 1956-'57;
Mathematics

BROWN, LOIS, 1916-'18; English

BROWN, MABEL, 1922-'51; Commercial

BROWN, NANCY, 1950-'53; English,
History

BRYANT, MARY ANN, 1951-'52; Home
Economics

BRYSON, KENNETH, 1948; Social
Studies

BUSH, HARRIET, 1925-'26; English,
History

CAMPBELL, EBEN, 1954-'55; Chorus

CAVELL, TOWER, MYRA, 1923; English

CHAPMAN, WILLIAM, 1959—; Chorus

CHENOWETH, IVA, 1958; English

CHENOWETH, ROY, 1958; Social Studies

CLAUSSEN, NEAL, 1956; Social Studies

CLAYTON, MINNIE, 1918-'20; Art

COFFEY, MARY, 1915-'24; History

COLEMAN, DEVERNE, 1957-'58; Chorus

CORBIN, BETTY, 1931; Science, Home Ec

CULLISON, ROSE, 1939-'41; School
Nurse

DAHL, THEODORA, 1949; Home Ec

DAVIDSON, EDNA, 1949; English

DAVIES, JOHN, 1954-'57; History

DAY, HELEN, 1934-'35; Art

DEAN, B. J., 1914-'17; Principal, English

DEAN, MARCELLE, 1938-'43; English

DENNIS, JOHN, 1953-'54; Social Science

DEWITZ, RUFUS, 1929-'42; Commercial

DIPIETRO, ALFRED, 1959—; Building
Trades, Driver Education

DOENIER, LLOYD, 1942—; Biology,
Athletics, Assistant Principal, '56—

DOENIER, RUTH, 1944—; Speech,
Journalism, Librarian

DOERMANN, CONNIE, 1948; Art

DOLAN, J. L., 1919-'20; Agriculture

DOLL, ROY, 1952-'53; Commercial

DOSE, MARCIA, 1956-'60; Commercial

DOTY, ALBERT, 1927-'31; Manual Arts

DUNLAP, MARJORIE, 1954-'56; Girls'
Gym

EAST, GUY, 1952-'55; Mathematics

ELSESSER, VERA MAE ANDREWS,
1942-'44; 1950-'51; Home Economics

FABER, MILDRED, 1919; English

FALK, GERTRUDE, 1915; Commercial

FICKES, RUTH, 1923-'25; English, Gym

FINKBEINER, J., 1929; Science,
Mathematics

FISCHER, MADRA, 1958—; Home Ec,
Family Living

FISHER, STANLEY, 1938-'41; Band

FELLER, D. W., 1929-'30; Commercial,
Coach

FULLER, FANNAH, 1919; Latin

GEHLER, GILBERT, 1932—; Manual
Training

GILBERT, JOYCE STEIN, 1956-'60; Home
Economics

GOODEN, DON, 1957—; General Science,
Coach

GOODSELL, ELOISE, 1926-'30; Science,
Home Ec

GOODWIN, ROGER, 1926-'27; Science

GORE, MALCOM, 1953-'57; Natural
Sciences

GREGORY, NANCY, 1955; Commercial

HACKMAN, LYDIA, 1936-'37; School
Nurse

HAGBERG, GEORGIA, 1927-'32; Art,
Mech Drawing

HAGEN, ARLEN, 1959—; Science

HALE, VIRGINIA, 1943-'44; Art

HAINES, MARTHA, 1958—; Mathematics

School for the past fifty years

HALFNER, FRIEDA, 1920; English
HALLISEY, ELIZABETH, 1919, Domestic
Art
HANNA, C. C., 1920; Principal, Coach
HANSELL, CORA, 1911-'13; Science
HANSEN, IDA, 1925-'26; English,
Declamation
HANSON, CAROL, 1937-'42; English,
Dramatics
HARDY, A. I., 1922-'27; English,
Mathematics, Mech Drawing,
Assistant Principal
HARRINGTON, ROSS, 1950; Chorus
HARSHBARGER, DEAN, 1955; Algebra
HARTMAN, DON, 1916-'17; Science,
Coach
HARTQUIST, EVELYN, 1926-'28; History,
French
HASKELL, CATHERINE, 1929-'32;
Science
HEEGARD, THUSNELDA, 1913-'14;
German
HEINZ, WESLEY, 1936-'42; Science
HEMENWAY, JAMES, 1955; Social
Studies
HEIMAN, FLORINE, 1946; Art
HIATT, KATHERINE, 1938; Typing,
Social Problems
HILL, MARY, 1921; English
HOFERT, WILMA, 1937-'39; Home Ec
HOISINGTON, R. E., 1918-'19; Science
HOPKINS, FRANK, 1923-'24; Band
HOPPER, DOROTHY, 1946; Art
HORSKY, DIANA, 1959—; English
HORST, RALPH, 1920; Science
HOUSTON, H. HERBERT, 1947; English,
Debate, Assistant Principal
HOWES, MYRA, 1895-1912; Principal;
1915-'23; Mathematics
JACK, CLARENCE, 1919-'24; Manual
Training
JACKSON, SHERWOOD, 1945; Agriculture
JACOB, CLARA CYPREANSEN, 1929-'30,
'46; Girls' Gym
JEROME, FRANCES, 1918; Home Ec
JOHNSON, MILLICENT, 1942-'43; School
Nurse
JONES, EDITH, 1936-'39; Girls' Gym
JORDAN, THOMAS, 1916; Science
KASZA, MAUREEN, 1956-'61 1st sem.;
Commercial
KELLEY, HELEN, 1924-'36; Latin,
German
KENNEDY, HELEN, 1940-'41; Home Ec
KIETZMAN, LEONA, 1921; Home Ec
KIMMEL, MARILYN, 1953-'54; Home Ec
KIRCHNER, HARRY, 1957-'58; Speech,
Debate
KNAPP, LEONE, 1934-'37; Science,
Commercial
KNAPP, S. S., 1925-'26; English, Debate
KNECHT, HERMAN, 1917-'18; Manual
Training

KOCH, BERTHA, 1913-'14, Commercial
KOELLER, JAMES, 1951-'55; Social
Science
KOOS, LENORA, 1942; Art
LEMARR, S. E., 1940-'54; Algebra
LEWIS, K. G., 1929; English, Debate
LEWIS, TED, 1948—; Boys' Gym,
Science
LIERMAN, ISABEL, 1945; Girls' Gym
LIPKE, MARY ELLEN ROSS, 1934-'35;
'60—; Home Economics
LOVELL, DOROTHY, 1925-'26; Art
MADDEN, OWEN, 1932-'48; Biology,
History
MANN, MERRILL, 1951-'56; Social
Science, Shop
MARKEY, CAROLINE, 1917; Commercial
MASON, BARBARA, 1940-'41; Art
MAUNTEL, HARRY, 1928-'43; '47-'55;
Social Science, History, Assistant
Principal, 1932-'43, '48-'55
MAYER, GEORGE, 1921; Science
MCCABE, EVA, 1921-'22; English
MCDONOUGH, LOUISE, 1926-'28; Girls'
Gym
MCMACKIN, MARION, 1923-'24; Art
MEALIN, MRS. D. E., 1920; Domestic
Science
MEYERS, HENRY, 1925-'31; Algebra,
Boys' Gym, Asst Principal
MERCER, GEORGE, 1925-'44; Science,
Ag
MILLER, CORA, 1919-'20; Science, Math
MILLER, ESTHER, 1947; Art
MOOGK, WILLIAM, 1951-'53; English,
Journalism
MOORE, BEVERLY, 1957—; Girls' Gym
MOORE, LOIS, 1929-'37; English
MORGAN, MORRIS, 1959—; Math,
Guidance
MORRIS, FRED, 1946—; Agriculture
MORRISON, VIRGINIA, 1916-'17; Music
MURDOCK, SAM, 1957—; Math, Dr
Education
MURRAY, E. H., 1909-'12;
Superintendent
MYERS, FRANK, 1925; Manual Training
NASH, ELOISE, 1956-'57; English
NAUMAN, IRMA, 1922-'24; Home
Economics
NEAL, ESSIE, 1916; Commercial
NELSON, T. F., 1930-'35; English,
Science
NICE, CAROLINE, 1931-'35; Girls' Gym
NICHOLAS, BERNADINE, 1922-'25;
French, History, Music
NORTON, REEVE, 1949-'52; Science,
Math
NUSSLE, HELENE, 1918-'21; French

O'MAY, CHARLES, 1946; Music
OWEN, HAROLD, 1943-'47; Social
Studies, Coach
PARRISH, RACHEL P., 1916; Latin,
German
PATE, FANNIE, 1921-'22; Art
PAUL, SANDRA, 1961; Commercial
PAYNE, HAZEL, 1944—; History, English
PEARSON, C. T., 1929; Music, French
PEITHMAN, H. W., 1930-'37; English,
Music
PETTET, O. E., 1926; Manual Training
PIERCE, WILLIAM, 1942-'49; Band
PLACATKA, EMILY, 1940-'41, Girls'
Gym
POTTINGER, ALICE, 1927-'60; English,
Math, Science
POURCHOT, LEONARD, 1949-'50; Social
Science, Debate
PROCKNOW, OLIVER, 1927-'28; Music,
History
PROEHL, THEODORA, 1911; German
PURKHISER, LILLIAN, 1913; English,
History, Principal
QUIGG, MARY, 1924; Latin
RADCLIFFE, RUBY, 1918-'20;
Commercial
RANTA, LILY, 1944; Girls' Gym
RAVLIN, ALTA, 1924; English
READ, GRACE, 1920; Latin
REDMAN, MILTON, 1959—; Social
Studies
REID, OLIVE, 1923; Mathematics
REINBACH, LOUISE, 1945-'46; Home Ec
RICHMOND, SAMUEL, 1948; Math,
Science
RICHARDSON, JOHN, 1956—;
Mathematics
RIEKE, HERBERT, 1958—; Social
Studies
RIFE, MILDRED, 1925-'28; Home Ec
ROBERTSON, JANE, 1921-'24;
Mathematics
ROBINSON, MARYLAND POPE,
1944-'55; School Nurse
ROLLINS, JOE, 1949—; Driver Ed,
Vocational Training
ROLLINS, MARIE, 1956—; School Nurse,
Red Cross
ROSS, WEILAND, 1957; Science
SALZMAN, DAISY, 1947-'48; Home Ec
SAMUELS, JOHN, 1927-'28; English,
Dramatics
SARANTAKOS, JOHN, 1960—; Social
Studies, Ind. Arts, Dr Education
SCHARFENSTEIN, FLORENCE, 1917-'18;
Latin, German
SCHEIDENHELM, ARLENE, 1934-'35;
Science, English, Girls' Gym
SCHLICK, EARNEST, 1950-'56; Band

SCHMIDT, HIRREL SWANSON, 1941-'55;
Commercial, English
SCHMIDT, MARIE, 1921-'23; Latin
SCHROEDER, DOROTHY, 1953-'54; Home
Economics
SCHUETZ, ALMA, 1918-'21; Music
SEBASTIAN, NATALIE, 1939; Art
SHADDOCK, R. E., 1921; Agriculture
SHEARER, CARL, 1931-'47; Science,
Math
SHECKLER, DELORES, 1955; Home Ec
SHORT, HARRY, 1927-'28; English,
Debate
SHOWALTER, EVELYN, 1937-'38; Art
SILLARS, A. GRAHAM, 1923-'24; Boys'
Gym
SIMINGTON, ANNA, 1911-'12; Latin
SMITH, MINNIE, 1921-'28; Commercial
SNOWDEN, BERTHA, 1936; Art
SPRAGUE, ELNORA, 1942-'43; Girls'
Gym
SONDGEROTH, JUANITA JOHNSTON,
1955-'57; Home Economics
STEEBY, DEAN, 1958; Science, Math
STROUSS, MAUDE, 1958—; English
STABUS, BILLIE, 1952; Home Ec
SWAN, LESLIE, 1955; Commercial
TRAINOR, MARY, 1947-'49; Girls' Gym
TRAUTMAN, H., 1913-'14; Science, Math
TROTTER, CLELA, 1929-'33; Home Ec,
Science
TULEEN, LAWRENCE, 1925-'26; Algebra,
Band
TURNER, CHARLES, 1918; Ag
UNAKIS, YOLANDA, 1960—; English
VILAS, ELOISE, 1933; Art
VOIGHT, H., 1913-'14; Latin, Coach
WAITY, CHARLES, 1959—; History
Coach
WAMSLEY, GEORGE, 1922-'25; Science
WARBURG, MR., 1919; Principal
WARD, ELEANOR, 1939-'40; Commercial
WARREN, STEVE, 1955—; English,
Journalism
WEDEMEYER, VICTOR, 1949—; Art
WELSH, ELIZABETH, 1945; Art
WHEELER, ESTHER, 1914-'15; Latin,
German
WHITFORD, GRACE, 1922-'25; Home Ec
WICKMAN, JESSIE H., 1915; Math,
Science, Director of Athletics
WILSON, GENEVIEVE, 1925-'27; History,
Civics
WOON, MARY, 1921; Mathematics
WORKUN, ARTHUR, 1959—; Speech,
Debate
YALE, CHARLES, 1922-'24; Agriculture
ZIMDARS, E. P., 1936-'46; English,
Speech, Assistant Principal, '44-'46

These highly revered people taught over half of the 50 years

MABEL BROWN
1922-1951



HARRY W. MAUNTEL
1928-'43; 1947-'55



ALICE E. POTTINGER
1927-1960





THIS PICTURE, reprinted from the '29 Atodnem, shows Maurice E. Steele, principal, with school board members who devoted long years of service to MHS. They are Mr. Steele, John J. Buck (35 years), Delos M. Lotts (17 years), George P. Nauman (27 years), B. Harry Reck (39 years), Bernard Katzwinkel (34 years), Martin Fahler (17 years), insert: William H. Phalen, (17 years).

MHS Boards of Education —

EACH YEAR the board of education has proved that it is an indispensable part of MHS. Fifty years of school board service have been completed—years that have been filled with many improvements and additions.

Previous to 1860 there were three school districts known as north, south, and west side districts. Conditions were crowded, so there was a consolidation into one district, but by 1866 it was seen that both factions could not be satisfied, and the single district was divided into two. In 1869 Blackstone School was completed. This school was erected as a result of the split of the school districts.

Not until 1910 was there again a consolidation of these districts, known as District 289. An election was called, and a president with six board members were selected: Otto Kieselbach, president; W. T. Holliston, J. J. Thomasson, Carl Proehl, George D. Feik, Ferdinand Henning, and M. J. Elsesser. At this time the two high schools were merged into one system.

The need for a separate township high school had been discussed for many years. A township high school district was formed and officially established on October 28, 1915.

The board of education for District 289 (H. D. Conkey, A. J. Tower, R. I. Fischer, George P. Nauman, George D. Feik) continued to operate both the grade school and high school through 1915-'16. A M.T.H.S. board consisting of George D. Tower, president, William Phalen, George P. Nauman, Martin Fahler, John J. Buck, Bernard Katzwinkel, and B. Harry Reck was elected in 1915 and spent its first year getting organized and taking the preliminary steps leading up to building the new high school. Beginning in the spring of '16, they employed teachers for the 1916-'17 school year, as they assumed responsibility for the high school that year, operating it in rooms at Blackstone.

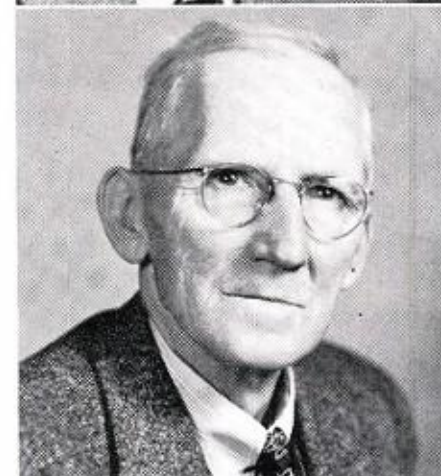
The first school board members searched for the answer to the question, "What will MHS be fifteen, thirty, fifty years from now?" Through the years there have been a succession of school board members who work diligently and study the school problems by attending district and state school board association meetings. The members have carried on the work in the tradition of the first board members.

After the doors of the new high school were opened on September 10, 1917, the board was still faced with many problems.

B. HARRY RECK
Thirty-nine
Years



BERNARD KATZWINKEL
Thirty-four
Years



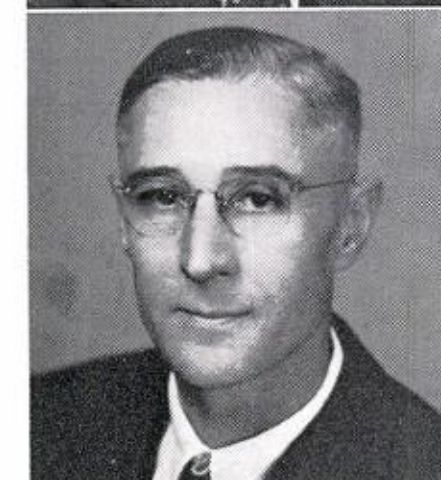
JOHN W. DUBBS
Seventeen
Years



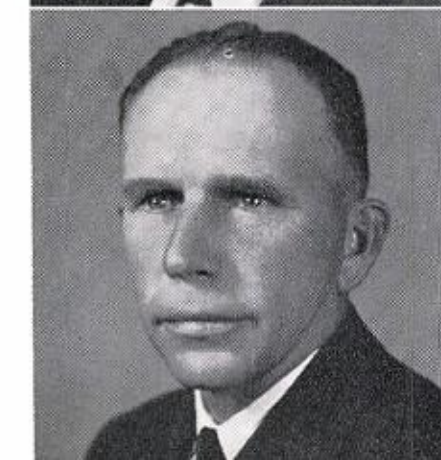
HAROLD DEAN
Fourteen
Years



ALVIN TRUCKENBROD
Ten Years



LAWRENCE WATSON
Ten Years





Pictured here are the 1960-61 members of the Board of Education of Mendota Township High School and the administrators who meet with the Board. Shown are Howard Pohl; James L. Williams, Secretary-Business Manager; Richard Shotliff; Robert Avery; Willard Deaner, President; J. W. Price, Principal; Louis Kerns; Wilbur Hanson and Harry Kessinger.

The Board of Education is responsible for the determination of the policies controlling the operation of the school; the employment of personnel, both professional and service; and the overall supervision of business and financial affairs.

Mendota High School has long been recognized as an excellent secondary school, due to the foresight and sound judgment of the many able board members who have given so freely of their time and abilities.

Past and present, they have served us unselfishly

Though there was a new school, there were more students entering high school, and soon there was a need for more classrooms. Throughout the fifty years of school board service, the members of the board have been responsible for the many changes and additions in the curriculum and the building appearance of MHS. It is they who have authorized and initiated plans for the various additions.

Past school boards have been responsible for the addition of three-story section, including a cafeteria, in 1927, the construction of a new athletic field in 1931, a hockey field and three tennis courts in 1935, an addition providing for a gymnasium, locker and shower rooms, and a band room in 1939, and the major construction and remodeling program of 1957. The present school board, Willard Deaner, president; Robert Avery, Wilbur Hanson, Richard Shotliff, Harry Kessinger, Louis Kerns, and Howard Pohl, are carrying on plans in regard to the smooth functioning of the school.

Although not faced with the multitudinous details of a building program, the 1960-'61 school board members have the duty of the upkeep of the building and campus, the care of the school buses, the selecting of teachers, planning of curricula, purchasing of supplies, and the general management of the school. They are a symbol of fifty years of service by able men who were willing to sacrifice their time to improve the educational environment that the students of today must live in.

In 1953 a precedent was set by employing a business manager to perform the duties of purchasing, filing state and federal reports, and maintaining the general upkeep of the school plant. The first business manager was Roy Doll, formerly in the high school commercial department. Succeeding him was Kenneth Carroll, who served from 1955 through '58. Frank Ross was employed for the '58-'59 year. James Williams came in 1959 as secretary-business manager of MHS and has handled major issues with quiet efficiency.

JAMES WILLIAMS
Secretary-business manager
B.S., M.S., Western Illinois University

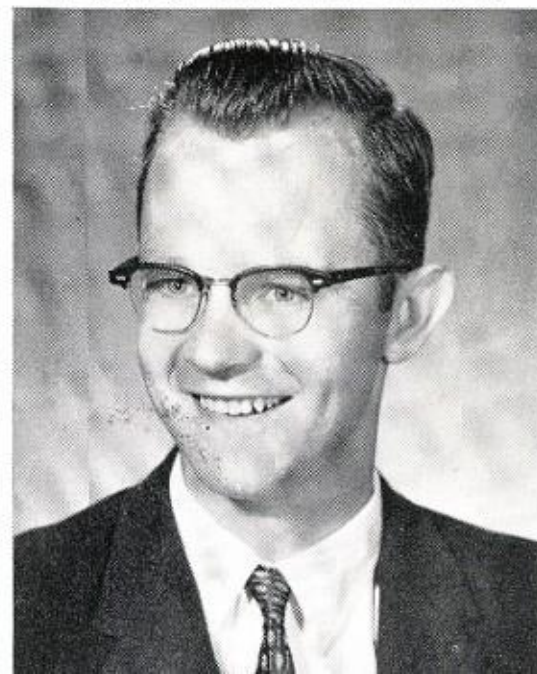
SCHOOL BOARDS

Rev. Carl Proehl	1911-1914
G. D. Feik	1911-1918
W. F. Holliston	1911-1913
O. Kieselbach	1910-1911
Fred Henning	1910-1911
M. J. Elsesser	1910-1911
J. J. Thomassen	1911-1912
C. E. Bates	1912-1914
Stella Sharp	1912-1914
Dr. A. P. Harris	1912-1914
George P. Nauman	1913-1940
J. Lamberton	1914-1918
Howard Moore	1914-1918
H. D. Conkey	1915-1918
J. G. Reul	1915-1918
A. J. Tower	1915-1918
R. I. Fischer	1915-1918
George Tower	1915-1918

William H. Phalen	1915-1932
Martin Fahler	1915-1932
John J. Buck	1915-1940
B. Katzwinkel	1915-1949
B. Harry Reck	1915-1954
D. C. Tower	1919
C. P. Gardner	1919
S. J. Haight	1920-1923
Clarence Potter	1924-1928
D. M. Lotts	1929-1946
Karl Erbes	1932-1940
John W. Dubbs	1932-1949
Harold Dean	1941-1955
Harold Goebel	1941-1949
Alvin Truckenbrod	1941-1951
Lawrence Watson	1946-1956
James Dubbs	1950-1955
Samuel Beetz	1950-1954

FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE

George Koerper	1950-1956
Dutton Gove	1952-1956
Edward Baker	1954-1960
Willard Deaner	1955-19-
Wilbur Hanson	1956-19-
L. M. Donahue	1955-1958
Clarence Scheidenhelm	1955-1958
Howard Pohl	1956-1961
Curtis Hochstatter	1956-1959
Verna Lines	1958-1960
Harry Kessinger	1958-1961
Richard Shotliff	1959-19-
Louis Kerns	1960-19-
Robert Avery	1960-19-
Dr. John Wacker	1961-19-
Dean Otterbach	1961-19-



The administrators at MHS — their record is our story

ABOUT 1865 the Mendota school district was divided into two, the East and the West, and two high schools evolved.

The East Mendota High School graduated its first class in 1876. The superintendent at that time was J. R. McGregor, who was succeeded by S. M. Heslet and he by G. W. Andrews. All this time the school was carried on with a three-year course until during the administration of W. R. Foster, which began in 1892 and lasted fourteen years. During his long and successful leadership it was permanently placed upon a four year basis. When Mr. Foster was elected County Superintendent, his last year in Mendota was completed by G. B. Coffman who served in that capacity the following year also. In 1908 J. H. Light became superintendent and held that position the remaining two years of its separate existence.

The West Side High School held its first commencement in 1879 under the superintendency of William Jenkins. He was followed in turn by S. E. Beede in 1893, by Henry H. Robinson in 1898, by George C. Griswald in 1899, by C. W. Parkinson in 1903, and by E. H. Murray in 1908. After various fluctuations in its course of study, a four-year basis was permanently established in 1898.

Mendota High School, following the consolidation of the East and West Side High Schools in 1910, was under the administration of Mr. Murray as superintendent and Myra J. Howes principal in the years 1910-'11 and 1911-'12. J. H. Browning was superintendent from 1913-'16, followed by Kenneth M. Snapp who came in the fall of '16. Moving into the newly completed Mendota High School was accomplished during the administration of B. J. Dean who was principal from 1915 through '17. Mr. Beebe was principal in the year 1917-'18.

Mr. Beebe returned to Mendota in 1921 as superintendent and principal and remained in that capacity until 1927. Albert I. Hardy was assistant principal. Ralph E. Beebe, as a youthful administrator, brought an era of change and challenge in the educational aims and purposes of the Mendota schools when he was appointed to the position of superintendent. He sought the best faculty he could obtain, giving to each invaluable help, sympathetic understanding, and encouragement in the use of newer and more progressive methods of education. Students were inspired with initiative and desire to carry on their education beyond graduation. As a teacher, his former students feel he was unsurpassed in his presentation of American and English literature. Mr. Beebe's personality won him the love and respect of the entire community and the student body.



MAURICE E. STEELE
Superintendent of Schools
Principal of Mendota High School
1927-1955

Mr. Steele succeeded Mr. Beebe as superintendent in 1927 and remained until his retirement in 1955, thus serving Mendota High School for over half of its fifty years.

Mr. Steele always worked for the general advancement of education, winning many honors as being one of the most efficient and progressive administrators in the state. During his administration, the Mendota schools were brought to a high standard in scholastic, musical, and athletic fields. Among the improvements were the addition of the cafeteria, the "new" gymnasium, the athletic field, the guidance program, and the enlarged curriculum designed to meet the needs of all youth. Diversified occupations, driver training, and building trades courses were introduced at this time.

After his death on July 11, 1960, the comment was made that his school and his work in the community had been his life, lived to the best of his ability with honesty and sincerity. Surely his life was dedicated to the youth of this community and to providing for them the best opportunities possible for educational growth. The influence of Mr. Steele on the many students who passed through the schools during his administration was far-reaching.

W. R. FOSTER
EMHS, 1892-1905



WILLIAM JENKINS
BHS, 1879-1892



KENNETH SNAPP
MTHS, 1919-1920



RALPH E. BEEBE
MTHS, 1918, 1921-1927





Administration — 1960 - '61

J. W. PRICE

Superintendent of Schools, Principal of High School

*B.S. Ed., M.S. Ed., advanced graduate work
University of Illinois
Came to MHS in 1956*

MR. PRICE became superintendent of Mendota Public Schools in the fall of 1956. Formerly, he was superintendent of schools in Farmer City, Illinois, thus being well qualified to supervise the four grade schools and one high school in Mendota.

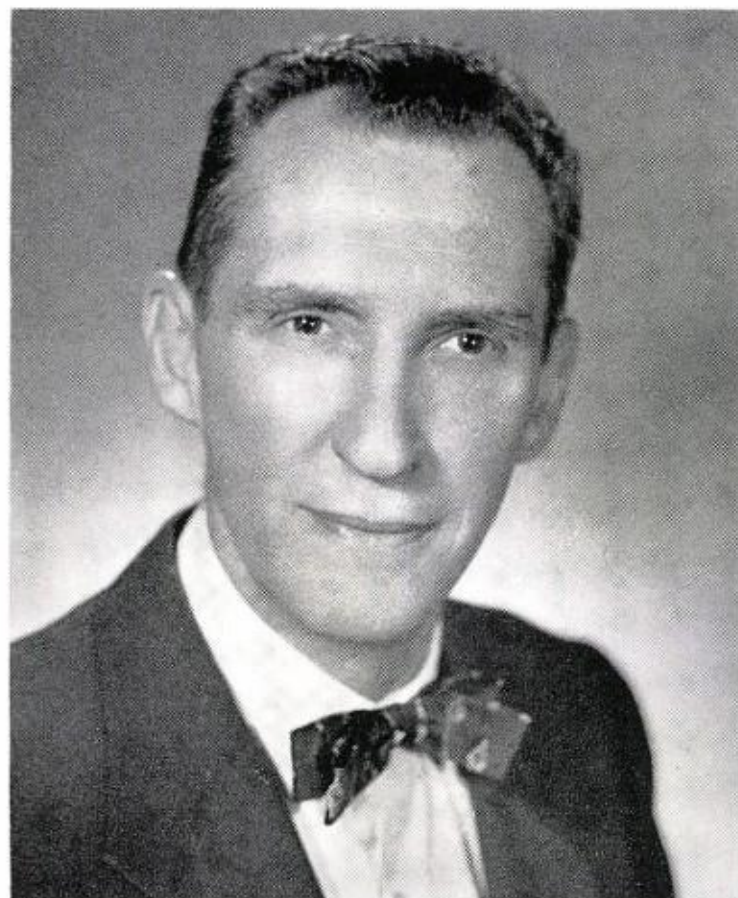
Mr. Price received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Illinois. He continues to keep up with the new methods of study and guidance and the more recent trends in teaching and education. It is Mr. Price's philosophy that a modern comprehensive high school must provide educational opportunities for all the youth of the community, varying widely in their abilities, interests, and purposes. To meet the needs of all students, the curriculum has been continuously expanded during Mr. Price's administration. A program of accelerated classes is now in its third year, and new courses have been added to the industrial arts department.

During the first years of his administration, Mr. Price was concerned with the building and remodeling of the high school as well as his various administrative duties.

Mr. Price is a very active supporter of all school activities, scholastic, musical, and sports. His administration has been one of improvement and change for the good of all students in Mendota.

LLOYD DOENIER

Assistant Principal, Dean of Boys
*B.A. North Central College, M.A. University of Wisconsin
Came to MHS in 1942*



MR. DOENIER, a teacher in the high school system since 1942, was promoted to the position of assistant principal in the fall of 1955. Along with his administrative duties, he was athletic director and taught biology.

This is Mr. Doenier's first year in which he has no classes, and can devote full time to carrying out policies established for the high school by the school board and Mr. Price. Mr. Doenier counsels students concerning their academic program, handles disciplinary problems, and also schedules all extra-curricular activities.

Mr. Doenier is sincerely interested in the students of MHS and tries in many ways to help them.

ROSTER OF PRINCIPALS AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Principals

1910-12 Myra J. Howes
1912-13 Lillian Purkhiser
1913-17 B. J. Dean
1917-18 Ralph Beebe
1918-19 Mr. Warburg
1919-20 C. C. Hanna

Assistant Principals

1920-22 Mr. Yates
1922-29 A. I. Hardy
1929-30 Mr. Meyers
1930-43 Mr. Mauntel
1943-46 Mr. Zimdars
1946-47 Mr. Houston
1947-55 Mr. Mauntel



AN ACTIVE part at MHS is played by Mrs. Mildred Canepa and Mrs. Lucille Bader, who work in the Business Affairs office. Remember the tickets sales for the regional tournaments? All in a day's work!



Mrs. Betty Radefeld, the new secretary in the Student Affairs office, is shown the duties which she will encounter by the former secretary, Mrs. Hirrel Schmidt.

Guidance at MHS has developed through the years



VER SINCE the first school was erected in Mendota, the first school board formed, and students admitted, there has been a form of what we know today as guidance.

At first much guidance was largely disciplinary. But MHS has always had a staff of superior teachers and administrators. These, through their classroom teaching and friendly counsel, were a source of help and inspiration to students with social and educa-

tional problems. The influence of a favorite teacher was often long-lasting.

Following Mary Coffey, Alice Pottinger was for many years the unofficial advisor of the girls. Not until 1947-'48 was there begun a definite program of guidance and counseling. Miss Payne was designated Dean of Girls, and the assistant principal, Mr. Mauntel, was Dean of Boys.



A tribute to the first Dean of Girls —

MARY L. COFFEY, chosen first Dean of Girls at MTHS for her outstanding ability in counseling and guidance and her beloved characteristics of gentle humility, quiet dignity, constancy to purpose, sense of humor, respect for all, innate good judgment, and untiring patience and tolerance. As a history teacher, she was unique in her fair and unbiased presentation of controversial topics.

Her influence on the student body was far reaching, and her memory will linger on for a lifetime in the hearts and minds of those who knew her.

— Adrienne Fassett Faber, '19

Mary Coffey taught history at MTHS from 1915 to 1921. In 1919 she compiled for the YEARBOOK a list of all the boys from the Mendota high schools who had served in World War I. By action of the Board in 1921, she was designated Dean of Girls.

Student Affairs office is guidance center of school

OUR PRESENT form of guidance has extended far in the years of its actual existence. There are three phases under the term of guidance: educational, vocational, and social. The educational phase covers the testing programs and aids in the selection of a college. In the vocational phase, your individual goals are talked over and help is given to you as to whether you are best suited for college or a job. The social phase includes the mental and physical aspects of the individual. One should be mature psychologically, socially, and emotionally upon graduation.

While a student is at the eighth grade level, there are several tests given under freshman orientation. One is the Kuhlman-Finch Test, another is the Iowa Every-Pupil Test, which includes reading and arithmetic, and another is the Iowa Algebra Aptitude Test. After these tests have been taken, further screening is done to determine which students should be in the accelerated class. These students then take the Orleans Algebra Prognosis Test, the Iowa Silent Reading Test, and the Advanced Kuhlman-Finch Intelligence Test.

Upon reaching the freshman level, students take the Kuder Preference Test in the vocational form. The sophomores are required to take the Iowa Test of Edu-

cational Development. Juniors take the Illinois State-wide Testing Program given under the University of Illinois. Then on a voluntary basis, the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is taken. As for the seniors, there are tests to be taken if contemplating college. The College Entrance Board Examination is one of the tests while the American College Test (ACT) is another. In addition to these, placement tests may be required.

The basic idea behind guidance is to help the student adjust to school environment, help the individual plan his work, discover his interests and develop his capabilities.

Miss Payne and Mr. Morgan are in charge of the tests used in relation to the freshman orientation, and counseling is done to the parents and students.

At the sophomore level, Miss Payne is also in charge while Mr. Morgan takes care of the juniors and Mr. Doenier the seniors. Each student is counseled individually two or three times by these three teachers during the course of his four years at MHS.

Career Days, two in number, were added to the list of extras presented. These gave students a better chance to get an inside look at what a career of interest to them may be like.

The guiding stars of MHS are Morris Morgan, Miss Hazel Payne, Dean of Girls, and Mr. Lloyd Doenier, Dean of Boys and Assistant Principal.



MHS faculty, too, has grown

ALTHOUGH a school could not function without the administration, the faculty plays just as important a part. Mendota High School has been gifted with a fine administrative department and an equally fine faculty.

The teaching staff at MHS has grown steadily larger in recent years. There are now thirty-six instructors teaching a curriculum that is varied and that has been rated as one of the best in the state. In addition to teaching duties, the teachers also are in charge of sponsoring extra-curricular activities.

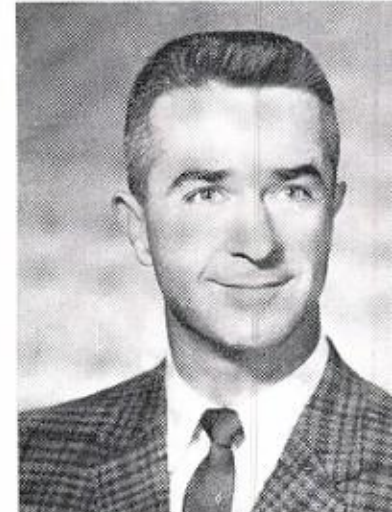
All fields which could possibly be offered to a student in this sized high school, have been very thoroughly expanded. These fields include health, homemaking, social studies, fine arts, math, sciences, language, speech, and vocational training.

The faculty of MHS has given each and every student guidance and help of some sort during the year. It may have been in extra-curricular activities or in the classroom, but they have always been behind the student body and helped them to be better citizens after they have passed the crossroads.

ROBERT BAILE
ROBERT BEALS
VIRGINIA BENDER
NELLIE BONER
WILLIAM BOOKER
EULALIA BREESE



WILLIAM CHAPMAN
ALFRED DIPIETRO
RUTH DOENIER
MADRA FISCHER
GILBERT GEHLER
DON C. GOODEN



ARLEN HAGEN
MARTHA B. HAINES
DIANA HORSKY
MAUREEN SUPAN KASZA
TED LEWIS
MARY ELLEN LIPKE



ROBERT BAILE

Came to MHS in 1956

Morehead State College, B.S.; University of Illinois, M.S.

SUBJECTS: Band

SPONSORSHIP: Dance Band, Band

ROBERT BEALS

Came to MHS in 1960

University of Iowa, B.S.C.; University of Illinois, M.A.

SUBJECTS: Typing, Bookkeeping

SPONSORSHIP: Junior Class

COACH: Head Basketball, Track

VIRGINIA BENDER

Came to MHS in 1960

University of Illinois, B.A., M. of Ed.; University of Chicago, Northern Illinois University

SUBJECTS: Journalism, French

SPONSORSHIP: Freshman Class, Hi-Lite Advisor, French Club

NELLIE BONER

Came to MHS in 1960

Illinois State Normal University, B.S.

SUBJECTS: English I

SPONSORSHIP: Sophomore Class

WILLIAM BOOKER

Came to MHS in 1960

Western Illinois University, Illinois State Normal University, B.S., M.S.

SUBJECTS: Biology

SPONSORSHIP: Sophomore Class

COACH: Frosh-Soph Basketball, Assistant Football

EULALIA BREESE

Came to MHS in 1929

University of Illinois, A.B.; Northwestern University, M.A.; University of Wisconsin

SUBJECTS: Latin I, II

SPONSORSHIP: Atodnem, Senior Class, Latin Club

WILLIAM CHAPMAN

Came to MHS in 1957

Lawrence College, B.S.; Northwestern University, Master in Music; Western State College

SUBJECTS: Girl's Chorus, Mixed Chorus, Choir

ALFRED DI PIETRO

Came to MHS in 1958

Southern Illinois University, B.S., M.S.

SUBJECTS: Driver Education, Building Trades

SPONSORSHIP: Junior Class

RUTH DOENIER

Came to MHS in 1943

North Central College, B.A.; University of Illinois, Milwaukee State Teachers, Northern Illinois University

SUBJECTS: Librarian

SPONSORSHIP: Senior Class, Library Club



MADRA FISCHER

Came to MHS in 1957

Illinois State Normal University, B.S.

SUBJECTS: Home Ec. I, II; Family Living

SPONSORSHIP: Sophomore Class, FHA

GILBERT GEHLER

Came to MHS in 1931

Stout College, B.S.; University of Wisconsin, University of Cincinnati

SUBJECTS: Mechanical Drawing, Industrial Arts I, II

SPONSORSHIP: Sophomore Class

DON C. GOODEN

Came to MHS in 1956

Southern Illinois University, B.A.

SUBJECTS: General Science

SPONSORSHIP: Sophomore Class

COACH: Freshman Football, Assistant Track

ARLEN HAGEN

Came to MHS in 1958

University of Illinois, B.S.; University of Colorado, P.S.S.C. Institute, University of Illinois

SUBJECTS: Chemistry, Physics

SPONSORSHIP: Junior Class

Member of Faculty Council

MARTHA B. HAINES

Came to MHS in 1957

Iowa Wesleyan College, B.A.; University of Iowa, Northwestern University

SUBJECTS: Algebra I, Practical Math

SPONSORSHIP: Junior Class, Assistant

Sponsor of National Honor Society

DIANA HORSKY

Came to MHS in 1958

North Central College, B.A.; University of Colorado

SUBJECTS: English II

SPONSORSHIP: Freshman Class, Frosh-Soph Cheerleaders

MAUREEN SUPAN KASZA

Came to MHS in 1955; to Dec. 1960

Illinois State Normal University, B.S.; Illinois State Normal University, University of Illinois

SUBJECTS: Office Practice, Secretarial Practice, Shorthand

SPONSORSHIP: Senior Class

TED LEWIS

Came to MHS in 1947

University of Iowa, B.S., M.A.

SUBJECTS: Boys' P.E.

SPONSORSHIP: Freshman Class, Athletic Director

COACH: Varsity Football

MARY ELLEN LIPKE

Came to MHS in 1933 through 1935; 2nd semester, 1960

Illinois State Normal University, B. Ed.

SUBJECTS: Home Economics II, III, IV

SPONSORSHIP: Sophomore Class, FHA

BEVERLY J. MOORE

Came to MHS in 1956
Western Illinois University, B.S.; University of Colorado, University of Illinois

SUBJECTS: Girls' P.E.
SPONSORSHIP: Junior Class, Varsity Cheerleaders, GAA, Student Council

MORRIS MORGAN

Came to MHS in 1958
Illinois State Normal University, B.S., M.S.

SUBJECTS: Algebra I, Plane Geometry
SPONSORSHIP: Freshman Class
COACH: Freshman Basketball

FRED H. MORRIS

Came to MHS in 1945
Illinois State Normal, B. Ed.; University of Illinois, B.S.; Northern Illinois University, M.S.; Colorado A-M College

SUBJECTS: Ag. I, II, III
SPONSORSHIP: Freshman Class, FFA

SAM MURDOCK

Came to MHS in 1956
Northwestern Missouri State Teachers College, B.S., M.A.; Northern Illinois University

SUBJECTS: Driver Education, Practical Math
SPONSORSHIP: Senior Class
Member of Faculty Council

SANDRA PAUL

Came to MHS in Jan. of 1961
Eastern Illinois University, B.S. in Ed.

SUBJECTS: Shorthand, Secretarial Practice, Office Practice
SPONSORSHIP: Senior Class, White Collar Club

HAZEL PAYNE

Came to MHS in 1943
University of Illinois, B.S. in Ed.; University of Minnesota, University of Colorado

SUBJECTS: English IV — College Prep.
SPONSORSHIP: Senior Class, Dean of Girls, Guidance

MILTON B. REDMAN

Came to MHS in 1958
Centralia Junior College, A.A.; Illinois State Normal University, University of Colorado

SUBJECTS: Civics, Economics
SPONSORSHIP: Freshman Class, Student Council Co-Sponsor

JOHN D. RICHARDSON

Came to MHS in 1955
University of Illinois, B. in Ed., M. in Ed.; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, M.S.

SUBJECTS: Pl. Geometry, Algebra II, Math IV, General Science
SPONSORSHIP: Co-Sponsor of FTA, Freshman Class

HERBERT RIEKE

Came to MHS in 1957
Southern Illinois University, B.S. in Ed., M.S. in Ed.; Graduate of the Naval School of Photography

SUBJECTS: World History, U.S. History, Geography, Problems of Democracy
SPONSORSHIP: Junior Class, Camera Club
COACH: Assistant Freshman Football, Track



MARIE ROLLINS

Came to MHS in 1956

St. Mary's Hospital, Madison, Wisconsin, R.N.; Public Health, Marquette University, Certified Public Health Nurse; University of Minnesota

SUBJECTS: Red Cross
SPONSORSHIP: FNA, School Nurse

JOSEPH S. ROLLINS

Came to MHS in 1948

Millikin University, B.S., Northern Illinois, University of Illinois, Colorado State College

SUBJECTS: Drawing, Metalwork, Basic Electricity
Coordinator Diversified Occupations
SPONSORSHIP: DO Club, Sophomore Class
COACH: Varsity Football Line

J. T. SARANTAKOS

Came to MHS in 1959

Illinois State Normal University, B.S.; Northern Illinois University

SUBJECTS: Civics, Economics, Driver Education, Printing

MAUDE STROUSS

Came to MHS in 1956

University of Illinois, B.S.; Columbia University, University of California

SUBJECTS: English
SPONSORSHIP: Freshman Class, National Honor Society

YOLANDA UNAKIS

Came to MHS in 1959

Millikin University, A.B.; Bradley University, University of Illinois, University of Colorado

SUBJECTS: English III, IV-General, College Prep., Speech I
SPONSORSHIP: Drama Club, Junior Class
COACH: Speech Contest Play

CHARLES N. WAITY

Came to MHS in 1958

Illinois State Normal University, B.S.; University of Illinois, M.E.; University of Wisconsin

SUBJECTS: American History
SPONSORSHIP: Sophomore Class
COACH: Frosh-Soph Football, Golf

STEPHEN WARREN

Came to MHS in 1954

Western Illinois University, B.S. of Ed., M.S. of Ed.

SUBJECTS: English III
SPONSORSHIP: Junior Class, Junior and Senior Class Plays, Broadcasting

VICTOR WEDEMEYER

Came to MHS in 1948

University of Wisconsin, B.S., M.S.

SUBJECTS: Art I, II
SPONSORSHIP: Art Club

ARTHUR WORKUN

Came to MHS in 1958

Illinois State Normal University, B.S. in Ed., M. S. in Ed.

SUBJECTS: Speech, Debate, Drama
SPONSORSHIP: Senior Class, Co-Sponsor of FTA, NFL
COACH: Debate, Individual Speech Events
Member of Faculty Council



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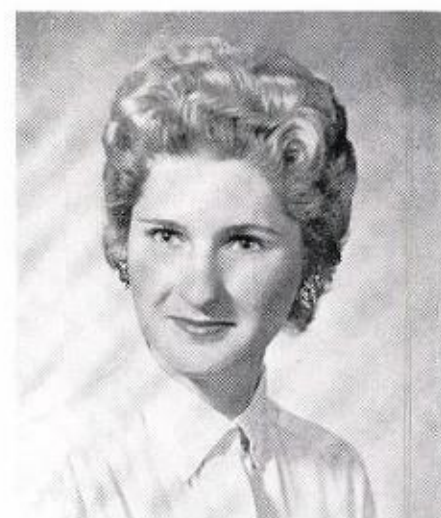
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THE SECOND SEMESTER of the 1960-'61 school year saw the addition of two student teachers to the faculty of MHS. Mr. Jerry Sullivan and Mr. Bob Walmsley, seniors at Illinois State Normal University, are doing their practice teaching at our school. Mr. Sullivan teaches bookkeeping and gym; Mr. Walmsley teaches U.S. history and plane geometry.





The Faculty Council, consisting of Mr. Hagen, Mr. Murdock and Mr. Workun, meet with Mr. Price who was absent when the picture was taken.



Mrs. Hays is employed by MHS as a speech correctionist, helping grade and high school students who have difficulty.

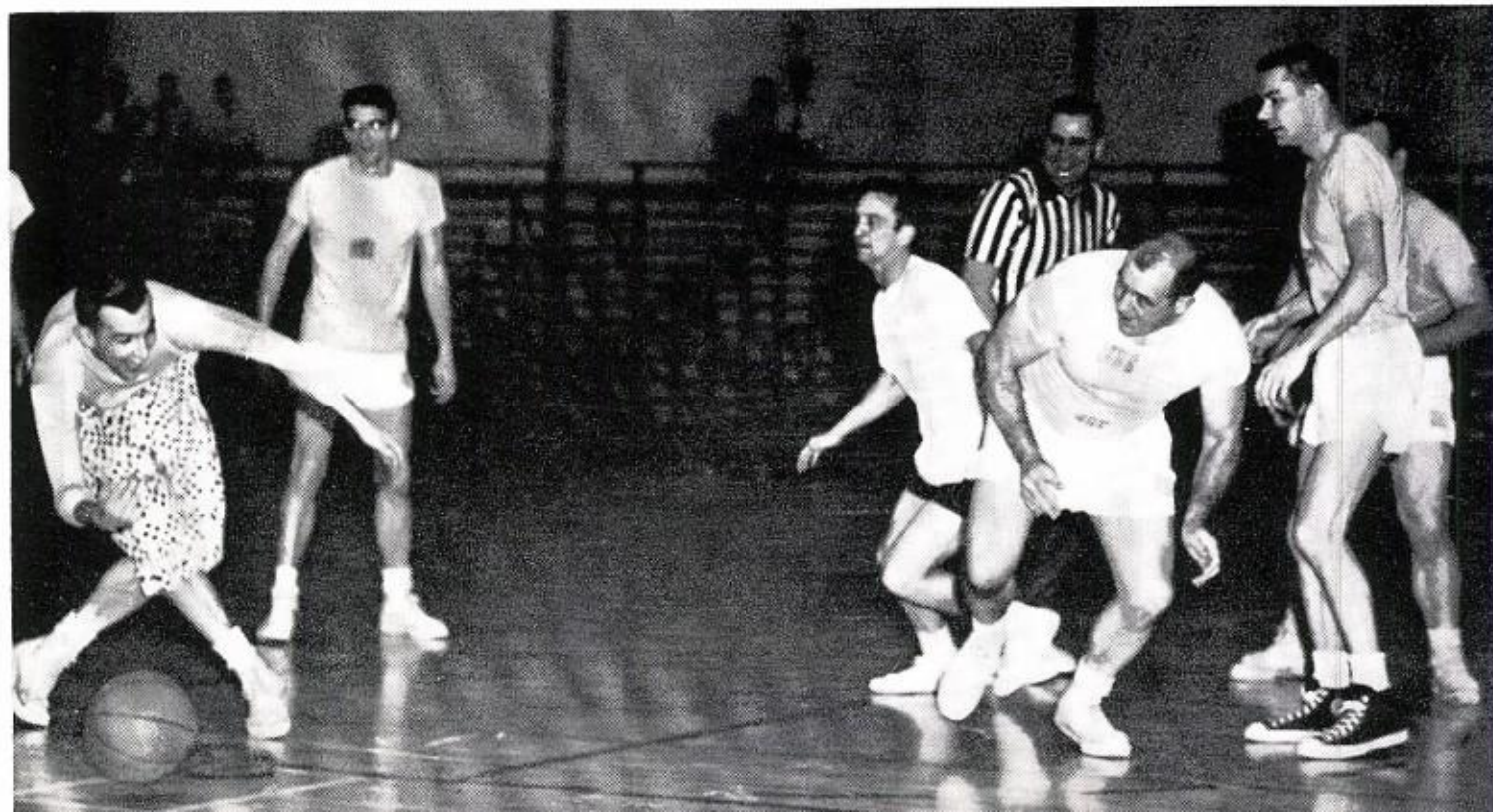


The members of the faculty go to their mailboxes to pick up their mail and to look at the bulletins which tell of the oncoming events. Left to right, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Hagen, Miss Paul, Mrs. Boner, Mr. Waity, and Mr. Gooden.



Many of the faculty members of MHS have dramatic ability. Miss Horsky and Mr. Redman display their talent in the play, "The Man Who Came To Dinner."

Many of the MHS teachers participated in the March of Dimes benefit basketball game which was played against members of the Lions Club and the Kiwanis. Among those who played are Jerry Cavanaugh, Morris Morgan, Lamar Brewbaker, referee John Sarantakos, Ted Lewis, and Milt Redman.



Course of Study for the year 1910 — 1911

FRESHMAN YEAR

Required: FIRST SEMESTER
English
Algebra
Ancient History
Elective: German
Latin
Physical Geography

Required: SECOND SEMESTER
English
Algebra
Ancient History
Elective: German
Latin
Botany

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Required: English
Algebra
Medieval and Modern History
Elective: German
Latin
Zoology or Commercial Geography

Required: English
Pl. Geometry
Medieval and Modern History
Elective: German
Latin
Physiology

JUNIOR YEAR

Required: English
Pl. Geometry
Elective: Bookkeeping
German
Latin
Economics
Eng. History

Required: English
Elective: Bookkeeping
German
Latin
Commercial Law
Solid Geometry

SENIOR YEAR

Required: English, Am. History
Physics
Elective: Bookkeeping
Math. Review
Astronomy
German
Latin

Required: Graduation Theme
Physics
Elective: Bookkeeping
Trigonometry
Eng. or American Literature
German
Latin, Civics



ON AUGUST 1, 1912, the new superintendent, J. H. Browning, said, "High school education is just where it was thirty years ago. This backwardness is due to the plan of the high school to prepare people for colleges and universities rather than for life."

The curriculum has expanded to prepare students better
for life in a more complex world.

CURRICULUM 1961-1961

All courses fall into one of three categories: academic, general or vocational. Listed below are the courses and their classification. The units of credit precede the name of each course. The numbers following the course name indicates the year the student may take the subject. (9-Freshman, 10-Sophomore, 11-Junior and 12-Senior)

ACADEMIC COURSES

ENGLISH

UNITS	SUBJECTS
1	English I (9)
1	English II (10)
1/4	Speech I (required of all, 9-10)
1	English III (11)
1	General English IV (12)
1	College Preparatory English IV (12)
1/2	Journalism (11-12)
1/2	Speech II-A (11-12)
1/2	Speech II-B (11-12)
1/2	Debate I (9-10-11-12) Maximum of
1/2	Debate II (10-11-12) 2 units credit

MATHEMATICS

1	Practical Mathematics (9)
1	Algebra I (9)
1	Plane Geometry (10)
1	Algebra II (11-12)
1	Math IV (12)

SOCIAL STUDIES

1	World History (10-11-12)
1	United States History (11)
1	Civics & Economics (12)
1/2	Geography (12) 1st Semester
1/2	Problems of Democracy (12) 2nd Semester

SCIENCE

1	General Science (9)
1	Biology I (10)
1/2	Biology II (11-12) 2nd Semester
1/2	Chemistry I (11)
1/2	Chemistry II (11-12) 1st Semester
1	Physics (12)

LANGUAGE

1	French I (9-10-11-12)
1	French II (10-11-12)
1	Latin I (9-10-11-12)
1	Latin II (10-11-12)

GENERAL COURSES

BUSINESS EDUCATION

SUBJECT

UNITS	SUBJECT
1	Typing (9-10-11-12)
1/2	Personal Typing (9-10-11-12) 1 sem. only
1	Office Practice (11-12)
1	Shorthand I (11-12)
1	Secretarial Practice (12)
1	Bookkeeping (12)

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

1	Industrial Arts I (9-10-11-12)
1	Industrial Arts II (10-11-12)
1	Mechanical Drawing (11-12)

ART

1	Art I (9-10-11-12)
1/2	each Art II (10-11-12)
	Drawing Techniques, Crafts, Showcards and signs (1st Semester). Painting Techniques, Ceramics, Showcards, and Signs (2nd Semester).

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

1/2	P. E. for Boys (9-10-11-12)
1/2	P. E. for Girls (9-10-11-12)

DRIVER'S EDUCATION

No Credit Driver's Training
Age Requirement—16 years

MUSIC

1/2	Band (9-10-11-12)
1/2	Girls' Chorus (9-10-11-12) 3 times
	Mixed Chorus (9-10-11-12) per week
	Choir (9-10-11-12) 5 times per week

VOCATIONAL COURSES

HOMEMAKING

1	Home Economics I (9)
1	Home Economics II (10)
1	Home Economics III (11)
1	Home Economics IV (12)

AGRICULTURE

1	Agriculture I (9)
1	Agriculture II (10)
1	Agriculture III (11-12)
1	Agriculture IV (11-12)

TRADES

2	Building Trades (11-12)
2	Diversified Occupations (11-12)

To the students in 1917 their new building offered

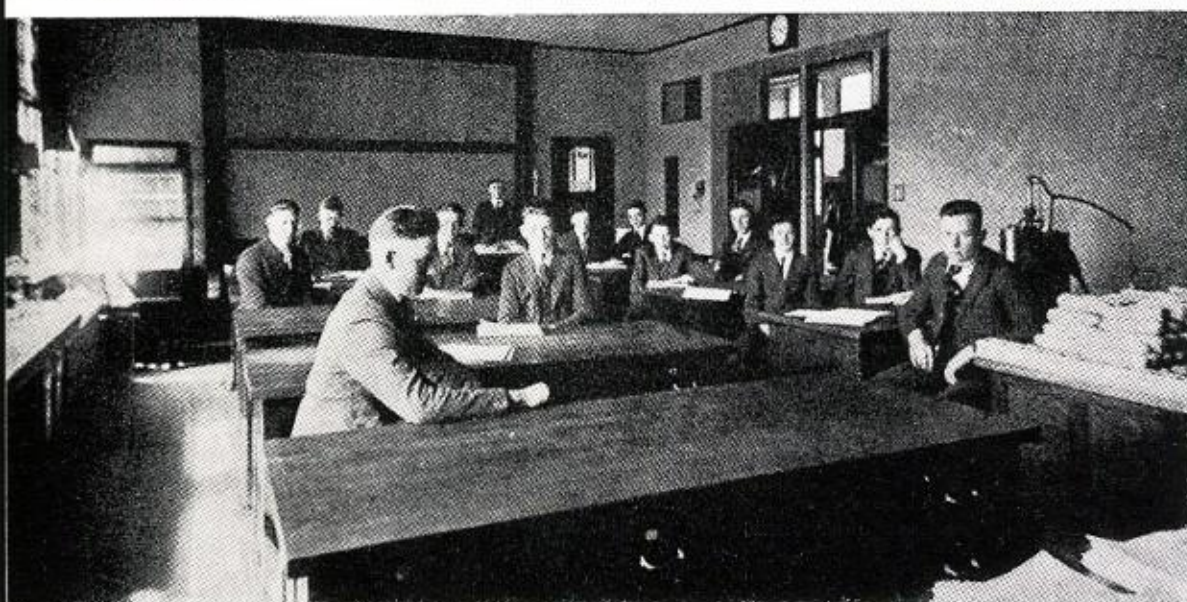


IN 1915 THE STATE superintendent said that conditions in Blackstone were as bad as the worst in the state.

Students, therefore, were justly proud of their new building and of the new departments made possible—as the pictures here shown will indicate. Both pictures and quotes, unless otherwise stated, are from the 1919 YEARBOOK, the second Mendota High School annual published and the first to be printed after the erection of the new building in 1917.

ART

"THE WELL-EQUIPPED art room affords the student splendid opportunities to cultivate his artistic talents."



AGRICULTURE LABORATORY

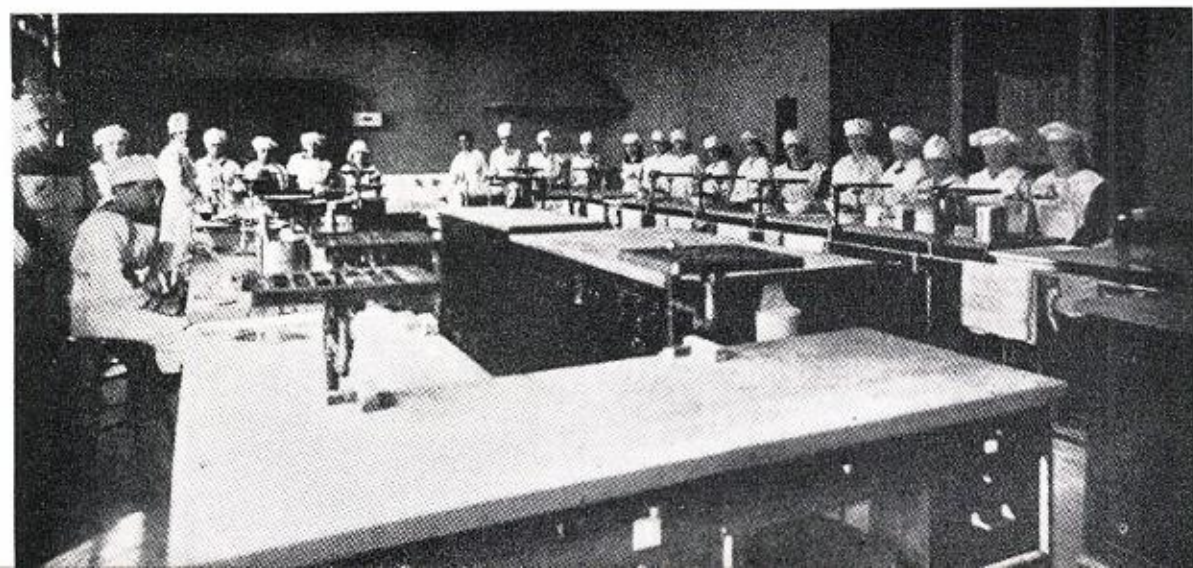
"AGRICULTURE has been taught in the Mendota Township High School for two years. The department has been operating under the direction of the Smith-Hughes Vocational Act of 1917. . . . The class work is not confined solely to the study of books. The school is equipped with one of the best laboratories in Illinois."

SEWING AND MILLINERY DEPARTMENT

IT IS INTERESTING to note that the sewing room, here pictured in the 1919 YEARBOOK, remained virtually unchanged until the entire Home Economics department was moved as part of the construction program of 1957 and '58.

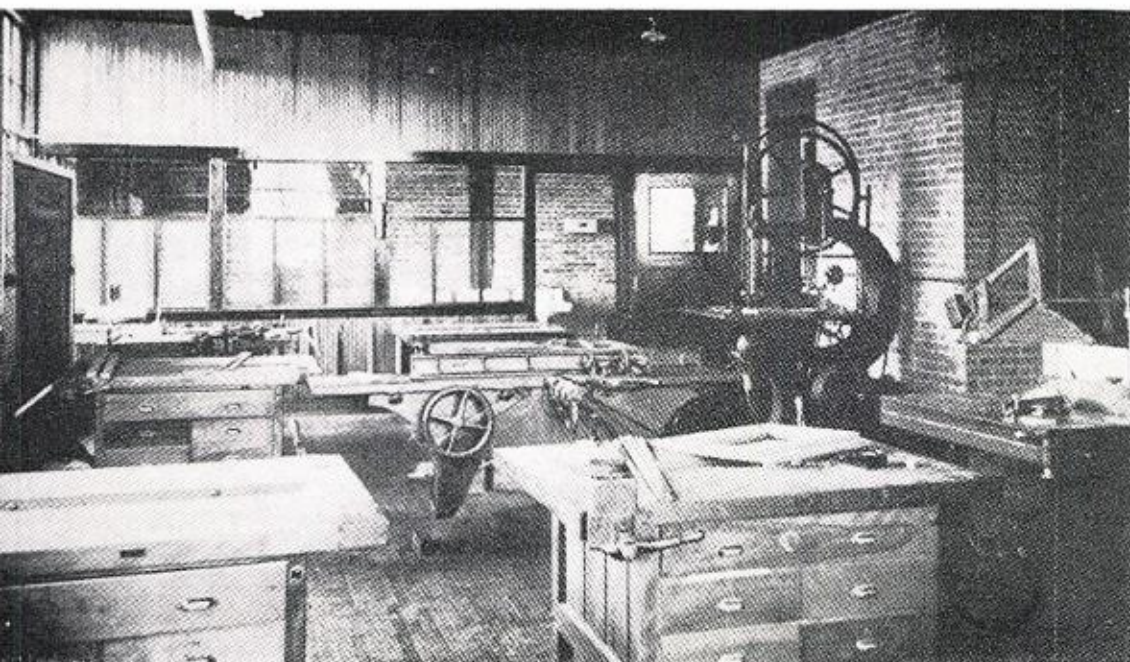
HOUSEHOLD SCIENCE

"THE HOUSEHOLD SCIENCE Department offers work in Cooking, Planning and Serving of Meals, Sanitation, Cafeteria and other allied subjects. . . . The equipment of this department is one of the finest in the State. Because of this and of the high standard of work we are doing we have been placed on the accredited list of the Smith-Hughes Department. . . . We realize that this high standard of work could not have been given without our excellent equipment. In appreciation of that fact we have been conservative as it is possible to be and obtain good results."



vastly improved facilities—all soon to be outgrown

ONE OF THE things the students of 1911 felt the lack of most keenly was a gymnasium. To quote from the 1911 Atodnem: "A gymnasium is what we need and what we want, for it helps to pass the recesses and leisure hours on disagreeable days when all outdoor sports are prevented, as well as being a place in which to train our teams." The gym in the new building was consequently one of the features most appreciated by the students.



MANUAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT

"WHEN OUR High School was planned, provisions were made for most excellent quarters in which all of the so-called industrial branches might be taught. The Manual Training Department came in for its share of the building and for exceptional equipment both in the way of hand tools and also the best of up-to-date machinery. There are, at the present time, about forty young men registered in these courses and they are turning out work of exceptional quality. . . The students are given good training in the use and care of tools and in the elements of Mechanical Drawing. . . Two rooms are given over to this important subject, one for shop work and the other for finishing and upholstering."

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

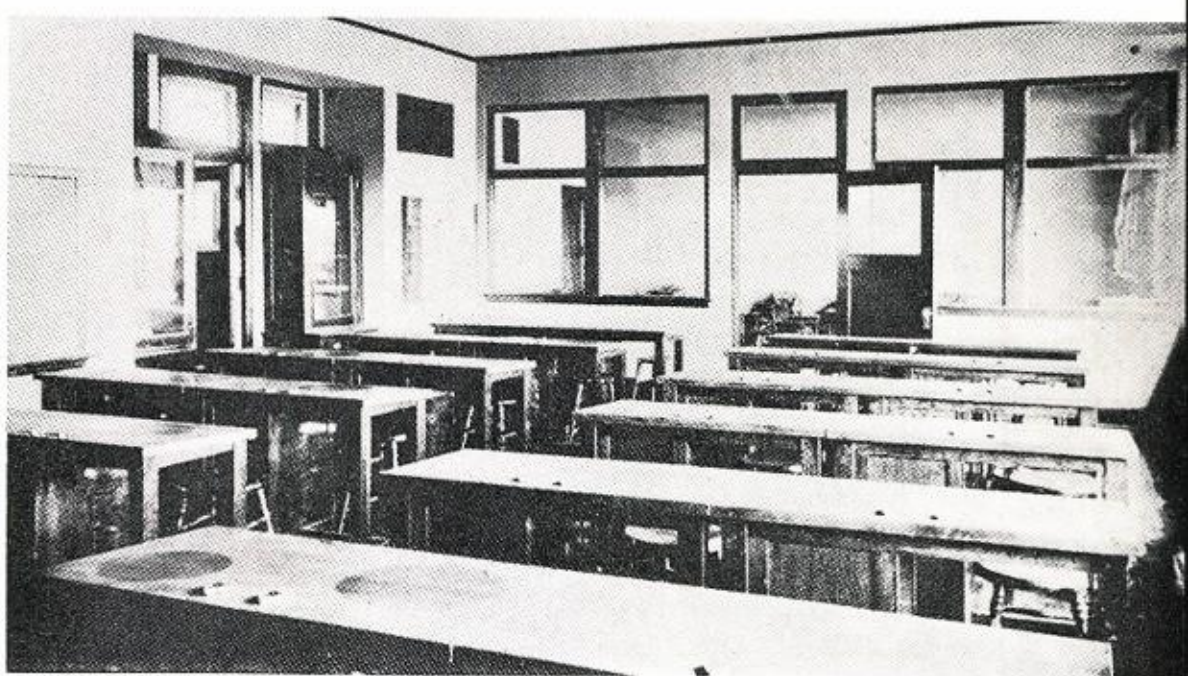
"IN THIS AGE of commercialism there is no department in a well organized high school of more importance than the Commercial Department. For this reason those responsible have left very few stones unturned to make the work in the Business Training as strong as that of any other in the entire system. . . Two rooms have been fitted up for these important subjects and the equipment is such as to attract the attention and receive the commendation of all who have seen it."

THE PICTURE to the lower right is a reprint of one appearing in the 1924 "M". It shows the science lecture room with its terraced floor being used for a typing class under Miss Mabel Brown. (The lecture room was torn away in the 1957 construction to make way for the corridor-entrance leading to the new south addition. The terraced flooring is still to be seen in the storage rooms on either side of the corridor.)

BY 1921 facilities in the new building were already inadequate. In an editorial in the 1921 "M", the president of the Board of Education, S. J. Haight, wrote, in part:

"Our work claims two more additions to the main building very imperatively, but quite as loudly it demands that some of our present departments shall be better equipped. This is especially true in the commercial and manual training departments. We ought to spend at least a thousand dollars at once for our library. . . We need a new department of physical education with a competent instructor in charge to include the girls as well as the boys, and this course should be made compulsory for every able-bodied student.

"We have no need for more students. In fact we might well dispense with some of the foolish ones we have so that the more serious ones might have more attention and more swing. . . The time has come to determine that we will pursue a very conservative course about attempting any more enterprises and a more aggressive course toward the strengthening of those courses we have already undertaken. We want the stimulating atmosphere of hard and deep scholarship here in even fuller measure than we have had it."



What's a high school for?



HILOSOPHIES of education as held by the leaders of a school system determine curricula and policies. The college-preparatory type of curriculum fifty years ago did not attract all the young people to high school, and drop outs among those who began were frequent.

It is the philosophy at MHS today that a modern comprehensive high school must perform several different but related functions for all the youth of the community, varying widely in their abilities, interests, and purposes.

EDUCATION FOR LITERACY

TO BE AN EFFECTIVE member of any type of modern civilized society a person must have a good general education, including the communication skills, the mathematics of everyday living, and knowledge of the world about him. The English and speech program from freshman through senior year is designed to enable every student to develop to the limits of his capacity his ability to use the English language.

All students are required to take three years of English, encouraged to take four years. One semester of speech is required, with advanced speech and debate offered as electives.

AS THE WORLD grows smaller, a knowledge of geography becomes increasingly important for all adult citizens. Sandy Snyder, Jim Mahar, and Don Miller watch intently as their instructor, Mr. Rieke, indicates a point of interest with reference to the class study-unit on Russia.





THESE members of a freshman practical math class look to their instructor for instructions and approval. Also open to freshmen is Algebra I, which is recommended to those who intend to go on to college.



MHS NOW HAS a large, modern library of nearly five thousand volumes. It is filled each period of the day with students who come for reference, research, or recreational reading of books, newspapers, and periodicals.



GENERAL SCIENCE instructor Don Gooden gives a demonstration of siphoning to freshmen. Ralph Rose, David Meade, and Ginger Cunningham watch intently.

BOOK CONVERSATIONS, which are panel discussions of books class members have read recently, are a frequent activity in Miss Strouss' English II classes. Here, Bob Haley is discussing Hemingway with panel members Ruth Jauch, Dave Murdock, Kathy Schmidt, and Roy Keyt.



What's a high school for?

EDUCATION FOR CITIZENSHIP

ONE OF THE MOST important functions performed by the school is the preparation of youth to assume the responsibilities of citizenship when we become adults. Study of U. S. history, civics and economics are required. World history is an elective; may soon become a required subject. Participation in many of the curricular and extra-curricular activities of the high school help us as young citizens to develop our capacity to assume adult responsibilities.

THESE STUDENTS in debate, Tom Matychowiak, Don Weber, Jim Goebel, and Bill Bice discuss and plan their strategy for the next tournament.

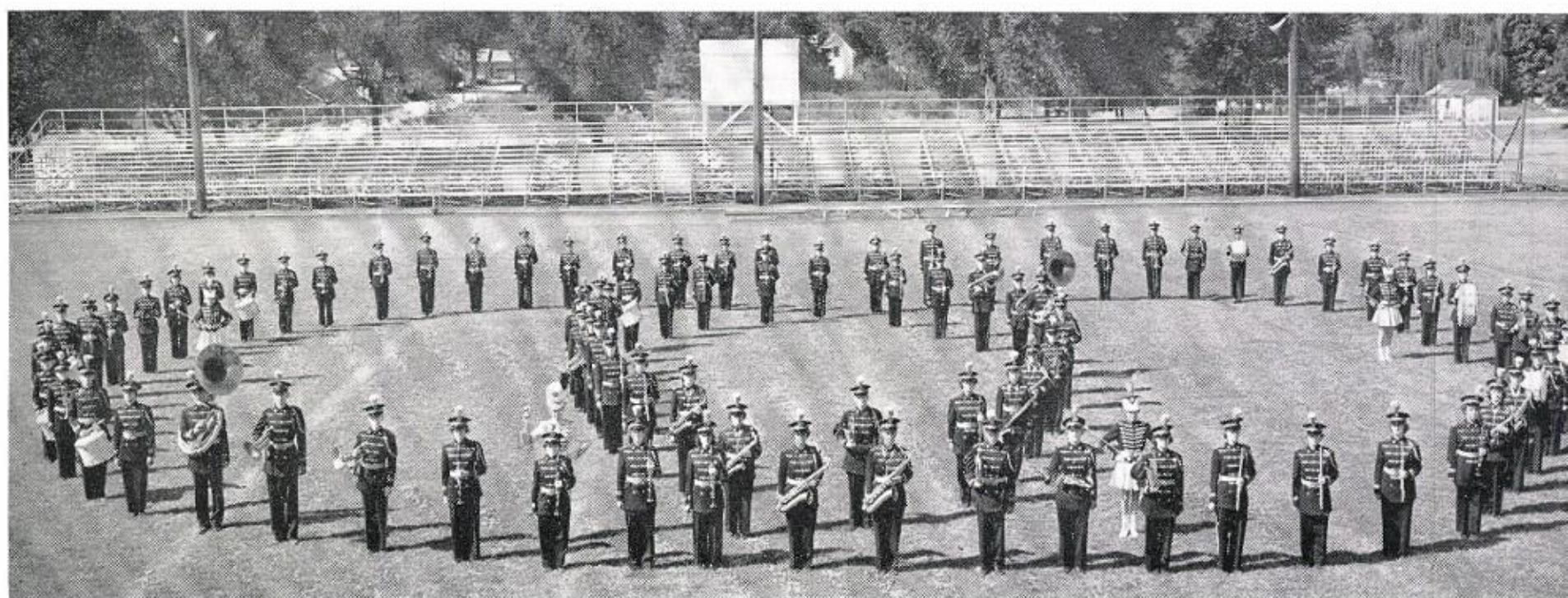




A SEMESTER each of civics and economics is required of seniors. Here, Milton Redman instructs an econ class with graphic illustration.

THIS U.S. HISTORY class of juniors has just completed viewing a movie. Visual aids are used in many classes to supplement texts.





THE MARCHING band performs at home games to entertain fans; the concert band gives several serious concerts during the year.

What's a high school for?

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PERSON AS AN INDIVIDUAL

TO LIVE A WHOLESOME and personally satisfying life, a person must be much more than a vocationally competent and literate citizen. He must have opportunities to develop himself as a person. Physical development and education in health and safety are given attention in classes in physical education, first aid, home nursing and driver education. The study of literature, dramatics, music and art make important contributions to the development of the individual's capacity to enjoy and appreciate some of the finer things of life and to participate in various avocational activities.

THE ART department makes good use of its improved quarters. The displays throughout the year evidence the high quality of work.



What's a high school for?

COLLEGE PREPARATORY EDUCATION

APPROXIMATELY thirty to forty per cent of the graduates of MHS continue their formal education beyond high school. If they are to be successful in college, their high school must provide them with a strong college preparatory background including four years of English and appropriate courses in mathematics, science, and foreign language.

A COLLEGE-PREPARATORY English IV class studies Shakespeare. These panel members, Walt Piller, Mike Jones, Jim Goebel, and Margaret Springer, are intent as Carol Chockley explains details of the model Shakespearian theater in connection with a report they are preparing.





THE NEW chemistry-physics laboratory is equipped to teach science by the most modern methods. A completely different approach to physics—designed to develop logical thinking—was introduced this year by Mr. Hagen.

GEOMETRY STUDENTS Dave Murdock and Gary Smith discover that bisecting an angle requires careful concentration.



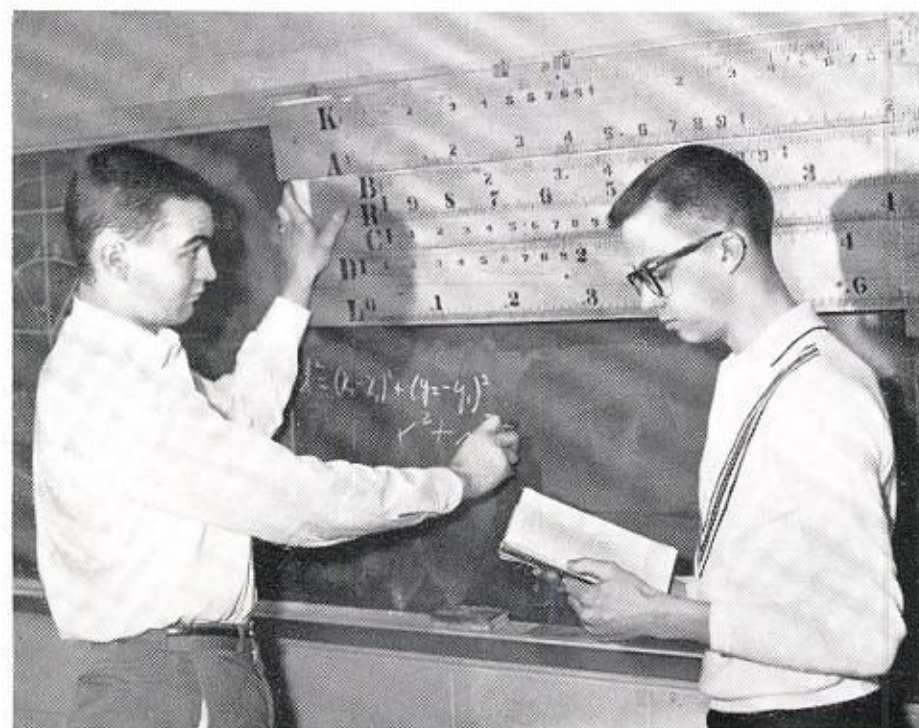
COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSES

THE COLLEGE-PREPARATORY curriculum at MHS now offers four years each in mathematics and science. An "accelerated" program for rapid learners, now in its third year, will enable these students to advance much further in mathematics, science, and English than in the traditional program. Next year, for instance, there will be Chemistry II and Biology II courses open to juniors and seniors who qualify. Two foreign languages are offered, Latin and French, emphasis in the latter being on the oral approach.

BOTH REGULAR and accelerated courses in biology are offered. The aquarium is always a source of interest to students.



EUGENE Pakenham and Tom Matychowiak are members of a Math IV class. The giant slide rule is a former student project.





THESE STUDENTS are members of a junior class which is in its third year of an accelerated program in English. Examining the booklet which climaxed their study of Hawthorne are Joan Beetz, Marty Kerns, and Sue Carlson. George Barth is at the bookshelves in the rear.



FRESHMAN LATIN I student, Kit Scheidenhelm explains details of his model of the Roman Pantheon to Lynn Brewbaker and Beth Hopps, Latin II students interested in the construction of the famous dome.



FRENCH I STUDENTS, Candy Neff, Ruth Elsesser, and Pam Isminger, use the department's new tape recorder in practice session. Use of the recorder helps in improving oral use of the language.

What's a high school for?

EDUCATION FOR VOCATIONAL COMPETENCE

SIXTY TO SEVENTY per cent of the graduates of Mendota High School go directly from high school into a vocation. It is important that their high school education help them prepare for successful entry into their chosen occupation or vocation. Expanded facilities in business education, industrial arts, agriculture and homemaking make possible an improved program of pre-vocational education for students. Building trades and diversified occupations courses continue to provide valuable education combined with experience for many junior and senior boys.



ONE HUNDRED twenty-eight students are currently enrolled in typing classes in the all-new department.

THESE FRESHMAN home economics girls were serving breakfasts in their foods class when the photographer arrived to take pictures.





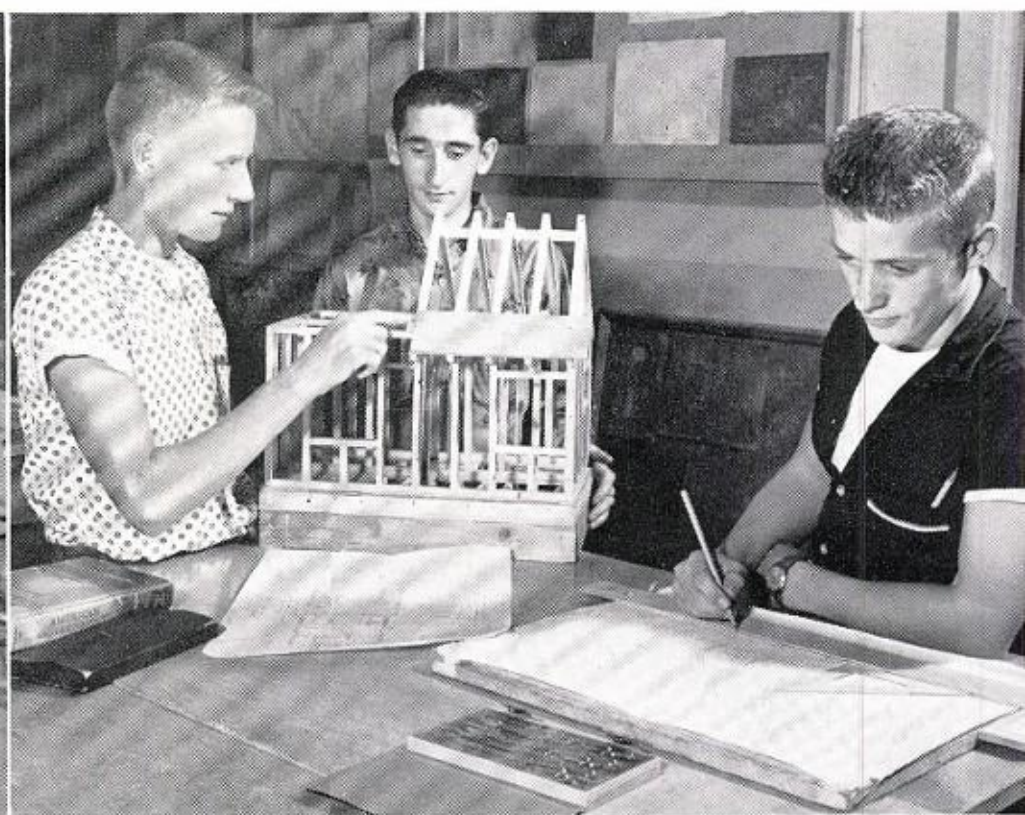
THIS IS a shorthand class in action. Business education courses at MHS include office practice, secretarial practice, bookkeeping, shorthand, and typing. The new three-room department is located in the area formerly occupied by the home economics department and the cafeteria.

ARTICLES in the display window, which is one of the attractive features of the new clothing room, are being placed by Barbara Funfsinn and Deloris Mathesius. Cathy Funfsinn and Mrs. Lipke supervise the arrangement from outside. Homemaking courses attract many girls each year.





IN THE NEW metals shop, students in Industrial Arts II have opportunity to study in the five areas of general metals, machining, bench work, sheet metal work, and both acetylene and electric welding. Only one corner of the shop is shown.



MECHANICAL DRAWING students now have a large, well-lighted room of their own. All Industrial Arts II students have one semester of mechanical drawing. It is also taught as a full year course to juniors and seniors.

EDUCATION FOR VOCATIONAL COMPETENCE

BUILDING TRADES classes have already completed seven houses since the course was introduced at MHS. This picture, taken last fall, shows the boys at work on "Project 8". Plans call for the house to be completed in the spring of 1961, after which it will be sold at auction.





A COURSE in woodworking is a prerequisite for the building trades course. The new woodworking shop in the Industrial Arts department has ample space and adequate power tools and equipment to train students in the fundamentals of what used to be called manual training.

AG BOYS put the finishing touches on this large stock feeder, which they built in one corner of their huge farm shop. The day the photographer called, other boys were working on the repair of machinery.



THE PRINT shop is a 1960 addition to the Industrial Arts department. It is used for units in the general shop course. As school projects the boys printed the junior class play tickets and programs.



MHS Service staffs

AS THE SIZE of the student population and school plant have grown, so have grown the size and number of the staffs necessary. The first cafeteria meals were planned and cooked by the home economics girls under the direction of their teacher. Students ate in the old, old gym. Now a full time staff of five work in a modern, well-equipped kitchen to prepare meals for 350 students per day who eat in two lunch periods.



COOKS—STANDING, left to right: Luella Kidd, Lucille Davis, Minnie Truckenbrod; **SEATED**: Dorothy Sibigroth, LaPearl Dunn.



MAINTENANCE STAFF—Joseph Stevens, Harold Becker, Roy Powers, and Harry Schultz, night custodian

FOUR CUSTODIANS now are kept constantly busy maintaining the greatly enlarged building, the campus, and the athletic field. "Miles" of corridors to keep shining! "Acres" of floors to sweep!

EXTENSION of the territory served by the school created the need for a growing fleet of school buses. The first bus, in 1940, was a converted milk truck. Now, in 1961, the school operates, with Roy Davis as manager, sixteen buses.

TRANSPORTATION PERSONNEL
—STANDING: K. Holzner, G. Willard, M. Scaggs, W. Katthoefer, C. Hyde, G. Wills, R. Fitch, I. Smith; KNEELING: R. Davis, N. Spencer, E. Brown, R. Felzer, T. Simpson, L. Truckenbrod; ABSENT: W. Swope, B. Bauer, E. Herrman, P. Joerger, L. Lang, H. Larson







STUDENTS,
CTIVITIES, LIFE 1911



Florence Oettinger
—1911 Atodnem



URING THE PAST FIFTY YEARS, many changes have taken place. Skirt lengths have gone up and down; the Tucker and the Edsel came and went, and the compacts arrived; the Charleston faded as the Cha-Cha took over; Clark Gable and Vivian Leigh starred in "Gone with the Wind", and Elvis got out of the army; the bob gave way to the bubble; fellas traded double-breasted suits for ivy-league styles; swimming dresses went into oblivion, and the bikini was born. Yes, the last half-century has been one of change as well as growth. Mendota High School was changing and growing, and so were student interests. But look through the following pages of this, the Student Life section, and you will see for yourself how activities at Mendota High have increased and broadened to include the interests of all students.

"Calendars" in old Atodnems reveal student life



HE STUDENTS HAD very few extra-curricular and social activities 'way back when. Fifty years ago there was but one activity other than sports; today there are over thirty.

Mendota High's extra-curricular activities began in 1911 with a Literary Society. All students belonged to the organization. Superintendent Murray supervised the activities, which consisted of debates, the reading of the school paper, a discussion of current events, and an address by Mr. Murray. One of the five debate topics was: "Resolved, That woman suffrage should be adopted within the United States." It is interesting to note that the decision was in favor of the affirmative.

Debate and declamatory contests played an important part in the lives of the student body in 1919. In March of that year they put on their first minstrel show. Dramatics, too, were quite popular. The social life of the students at that time ranged from stealing another class's pennant through picnics and a masquerade party to school dances. In those days students were not allowed to leave the gymnasium and certain other designated rooms during the dances unless they had the written permission of the superintendent or principal. School officials also had the right to

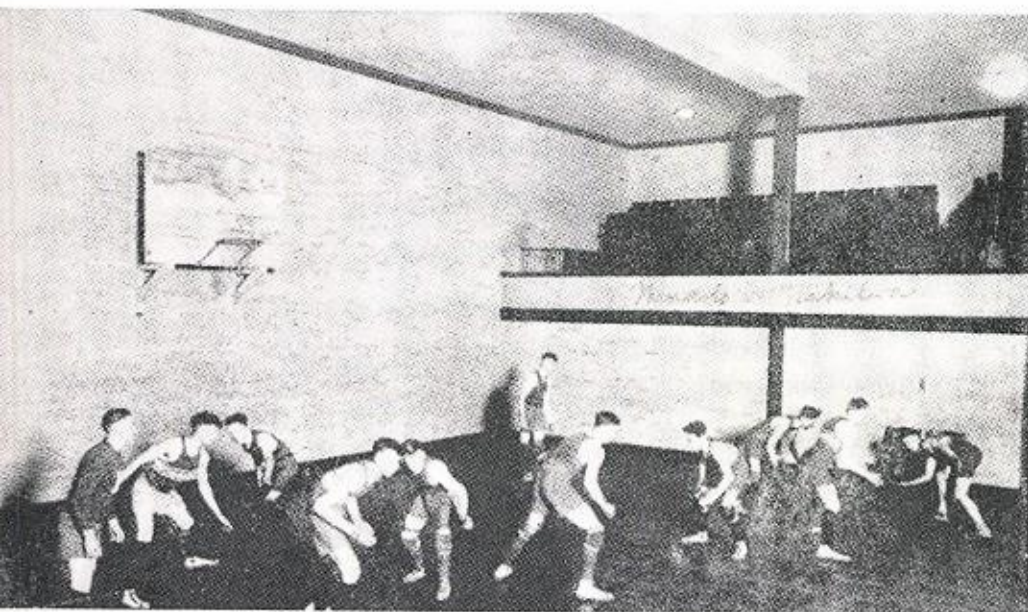
approve or ban the types of dances to be used by the students.

Added to the already well-established activities mentioned above were the Father-Son Banquet of the agriculture classes, faculty parties, and the board banquet. Dances and "socializing" also became more prominent at Mendota High in 1920. The student body went "all out" in order to make their dances a success; they decorated the gym very lavishly, no matter what occasion. Their big night of the year was when the juniors gave a Prom to the seniors as a sort of graduation present. After the banquet, their dance was held in the reception room of the Kaskaskia Hotel. It must have been a big thrill for them—the dance didn't get over until midnight! Laugh at their hours if you must, but let's see you find something humorous in this: "October 8, 1919—Off all day for Homecoming." Maybe the Student Council could arrange that for us if . . . In 1920 the seniors were the ones to get class rings.

In 1921 activities continued to pick up momentum. More plays were given, more assemblies were held, and class rivalry grew. On March 23 we read that Elmer Scheidenhelm made his debut in long trousers! Floyd Blotch tried to ascend a tree with his Ford on May 3, but the bark slipped. Tsk, tsk. The faculty entertained the students with a minstrel show and a dance. The Junior-Senior Prom still proved to be the brightest spot of the year, just as it is today.

A big event took place on September 28, 1921—the Senior Class President fell out of his seat in assembly! They even had a victrola concert that week. The biology classes dissected pigs' eyes in February of 1922, and on April 10 they heard music over the wireless! The Student Council was born, and more dances were added to the agenda.

THE 1920 "M" had this picture of a basketball game with Tiskilwa being played in the gym which is now the auditorium. Mendota won!



OPPOSITE PAGE: THE 1919 YEARBOOK STAFF—BACK ROW: Elizabeth Colson, Henrietta Kammerer, Harold Johnson, Adrienne Fassett, Lucille Potter; CENTER ROW: John Kaufman, Gilbert Klinefelter, Clara Powell, Elinda Kohl, Edith Shaw, Robert Conkey, Gladys Yenerich; FRONT ROW: Irene Driscoll, Millie Lippincott. This, the Yearbook Staff of 1919, is the first such staff picture available.



CAFETERIA HELPERS — FIRST NOON HOUR, STANDING: J. Richards, J. Fenwick, J. Kemper, M. Heidmann, E. Parks, L. Worsley, G. Richey, P. Borelli; SECOND NOON HOUR, SEATED: K. Hartley, K. Shifflette, K. Werling, L. Roth, R. Derick, J. Duke, B. Gordon, B. Lindenmier, B. Trout.



THE CAFETERIA shown here was built in 1927. It soon became so crowded that there was a need to begin two lunch periods. The mural on the wall was painted by one of the art classes along with Mary Steele in the early 1940's.

THE JANITORS

How often have we thrown upon
The floor, great wads of gum;
And never thought of where the help
To clean it would come from.

Of course the thought of janitor
Would never reach our head;
So we would merely pass it by
And talk of shows instead.

But after we had all gone home
Our faithful janitors
Were laboring well for many hours
Behind the closed school doors.

And so remember, girls and boys,
Tho' they're not always seen—
Your janitors are working hard
To keep your High School clean.

—Marie Fischer '26
—The '26 M

NEW AND IMPROVED methods of conducting the smooth running affairs in the cafeteria have been established in recent years. This picture depicts students returning lunch trays and milk bottles to the new kitchen.





STUDENT
ACTIVITIES, LIFE 1911 — 1961



THE SENIOR PLAY of the Class of 1945 is typical of the many student productions throughout the years. The play, "You Can't Take it With You", was coached by Hazel Payne. In the cast were Diane Miller, Jane Riegel, Bonnie Gardner, Alan Bloch, LeRoy Pfaff, Walter Finley, John Richardson, William McIntyre, Louise Munson, Wayne Ashley, Donald Hanley, Neal Walter, Richard Mauntel, LouAnne Kascht, Dean Otterbach, Samuel Stuart, and Patsy Frizol.

IN 1925 the Hi-Y and Girl Reserves made their debut at MHS. Both organizations were very active for many years and contributed much to the development of high character and wholesome social life within our school.

In 1926 the school colors were changed from purple and white to purple and orange in order to avoid confusion with two other schools on our athletic schedule.

In 1941 athletic teams were named the "Trojans", a winning suggestion by Beverly Winters.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TRIVIA

March, 1915—Graduating class at MHS will wear caps and gowns in June.
 December 20, 1917—New township high school souvenir spoons on sale at 69c each.
 March 20, 1925—Seniors measured for caps and gowns.
 April 16, 1925—Juniors get class rings.
 June 4, 1925—Junior-Senior Prom held in the MHS gymnasium.

Bob Sonntag: "Well, I must be off."
 Hazel Austin: "I thought so the first time I met you."

September 29, 1925—"Beans" Schildberg and Harold Goebel have a race on their crutches.
 February 25, 1926—Much excitement. The school caught fire in the chemistry room.
 March 11, 1926—Louise Spenader chases mouse out of German II and down hall.
 May 14, 1926—Firpo Cash and Milton Dewey go to Champaign to State track meet.

"How's that for using your head?" said Henry Sauer as he wiped his pen on his hair.

October 1, 1926—Senior party; we dance to tune of Victrola. Lotsa fun!

December 14, 1926—Wesley Wright started out the basketball season in his usual way—shot lots of baskets. But La Moille beat us, 20-16.
 June 10, 1927—Final social event of the year—Alumni Banquet and Dance.

Famous Sayings

Samson: "I'm strong for you, kid."
 David: "The bigger they are, the harder they fall."
 Nero: "Hot stuff—keep the home fires burning."
 Cleopatra: "You're an easy mark, Anthony."
 Helen: "So this is Paris."
 Noah: "It floats!"
 Methuselah: "The first hundred years are the hardest."

October 15, 1929—Beware of smallpox!
 February 19, 1930—Yale Bates wears extra-loud socks to school today.

Tup Huss: "She told me just what she thought of me."
 Marguerite Meisel: "What are you looking for, sympathy?"
 Tup: "No, a dictionary!"

May 9, 1931—Mendota debaters tie for 4th place in National Forensics Tournament at Ripon, Wisconsin.
 December 2, 1933—Emily Finkenbinder represents Mendota at Chicago in Hockey.
 March 21, 1934—Work begins on the annual—more worries.
 May 19, 1934—State track meet. Andrews represents Mendota.
 April 17, 1936—The juniors gave a Leap Year party at which the girls took the boys' role and vice versa.

John Goebel: "I'm going to kiss you everytime a star falls."
 —Silence—
 Ruth Hoerner: "What are you counting, lightning bugs?"

LAMENTATIONS

Oh to be a Senior
 Says the Freshman lad,
 Oh to be a Senior
 And then a High School Grad.

Oh to be a Senior
 Says the Sophomore class,
 Oh to be a Senior
 And have our school days pass.

Oh to be a Senior
 Says that Junior host,
 Oh to be a Senior
 When we can do the most.

Oh to be a Freshman,
 Say the Senior men,
 Oh to be a Freshman
 And go through school again.

—John Walker, '31

BELOW is the junior class picture of the class of 1932. Since there was no Atodnem in '32, the picture does not show the entire graduating class. More students joined the class during their senior year. BACK ROW: Guiles Larkin, Marie Guilfoyle, Robert Elsesser, Catherine Schmitt, August Engelbrecht, Irene Grosch, Earl Henkels, Rosalie Wagner, Russell Fahler, Merrill Frank, Arlene McInturf, Walter Tasker, Isca Wiley, Richard McCray, Esther Beetz, Forrest Howarth, Helen Boyle, Rolland Clinite; SECOND ROW: Helen Frederick, Harold Wendel, Mary Coss, Gale Van Ry, Alva Kaufman, Raymond McCarthey, Nano Dubbs, Gilbert Withrow, Faith Setchell, Edward Welsch, Mary Louise Clark, William Neuman, Helen Wagner, Robert Stare, June Vandro, Edward Kerns, Alma Kaufman, William Hoagy, Edna Marmion; FRONT ROW: Margaret Kaufman, Philip Sander, Arline Oliver, Norma Dugosh, Vincent Spanier, Dorothy Austin, Esther Barnickle, Rudolph Jacob, Darlene Welsch, Gail Munson, Mr. Mauntel, Anna Johnston, Lois Bauman, Louis Sauer, Frieda Wiedenhoefer, Margaret Hanson, Ellsworth Heldren. Absent when picture was taken, or joining in the senior year were: Max Burley, Wellington Chaon, Ione Clarke, LaVere Clarke, Aileen Evans, Cloie Evans, Evelyn Florschuetz, Margaret Halboth, Mertyl Hampton, Geraldine Hopwood, Bernard Kilmartin, Miriam Manifold, Helma Miller, Vera Mireley, Louis Seno, Dale Wakeman, Robert Ward, Emil Zapf, and Arthur Zolper, Jr.



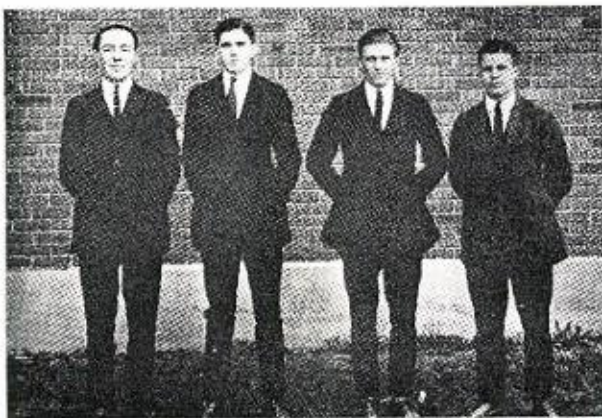
Fads and Fashions — Past and Present



TRENCH COATS, worn by Ron Johnson and Patti Masear, represent the 1961 coat fashion at MHS.



PICTURED are bloomers and sweaters or blouses which were worn during physical activities by the girls' basketball team of 1910-1911, which consisted of Helen Truckenbrod, Pearl Faber, Miss Simington, coach; Florence Hensler, Ella Leifheit. Seated are Florence Oettinger and Evelyn Berg.



THE SENIOR Quartette of 1922, Emerson Hass, Steve Madden, Ottomar Schlesinger, and Edward Nolan, are pictured in suits of that time which are somewhat like today's fashion because of the narrow-legged trousers — and somewhat not!

FLORENCE GOODWIN, MHS class of 1911, is pictured in her college graduation dress, which was similar to most formal dresses of that era.

FORMAL ATTIRE as shown below and in other styles is the mode during prom and for homecoming attendants.





SANDY SNYDER models short hair style, short skirt and pointed shoes typical of the modern high school girl. These styles are not new, but it has been quite some time since they have been seen.

SPORTSWEAR as depicted by D. T. Miller and Sue Blotch, as well as various other outfits, can be seen on high school students while participating in activities other than school.



LONG HAIR and a large bow were in high fashion while Florence Oettinger (Mrs. Robert Black) was a member of the class of 1911.



DURING 1929 the shingled bob was in style; and June Fassett (Mrs. Earnest Claus), a well-known person to high school students for her work at the Kanteen, was seen sporting this hairdo.



THE SHORT length of skirts worn today is not new as is proved by June Fassett Claus, Jane Madden Jacob, Marie Fischer Vickrey, Lorena Johnson Wolfe, and Katherine Bush Hill, who wore them in 1929.

MATCHING sweaters, as worn by Jim Mahar and Sandy Schiefelbein, along with other matching attire adorn many steady couples.



Student life around MHS



CLASS RINGS arrive! "Now I really feel like a sophomore!" boasts Kathy Corrigan to Jeanne Biers. "Me, too!" echoes Rog Sheridan.



JIM MUSICK and Carol Donahue catch their breath between classes. Don Miller and Mary Lipke also find time during a busy day to pause by their lockers and chat awhile.



DEVELOPING term or unit projects and writing term papers are an important phase of student life at MHS, requiring long burning of mid-night oil. Term papers have a way of being due at most inopportune times — two senior papers had deadlines the Monday after the Prom! Projects such as this colorful one on Mark Twain often found their way into the display case in the lower main hall.



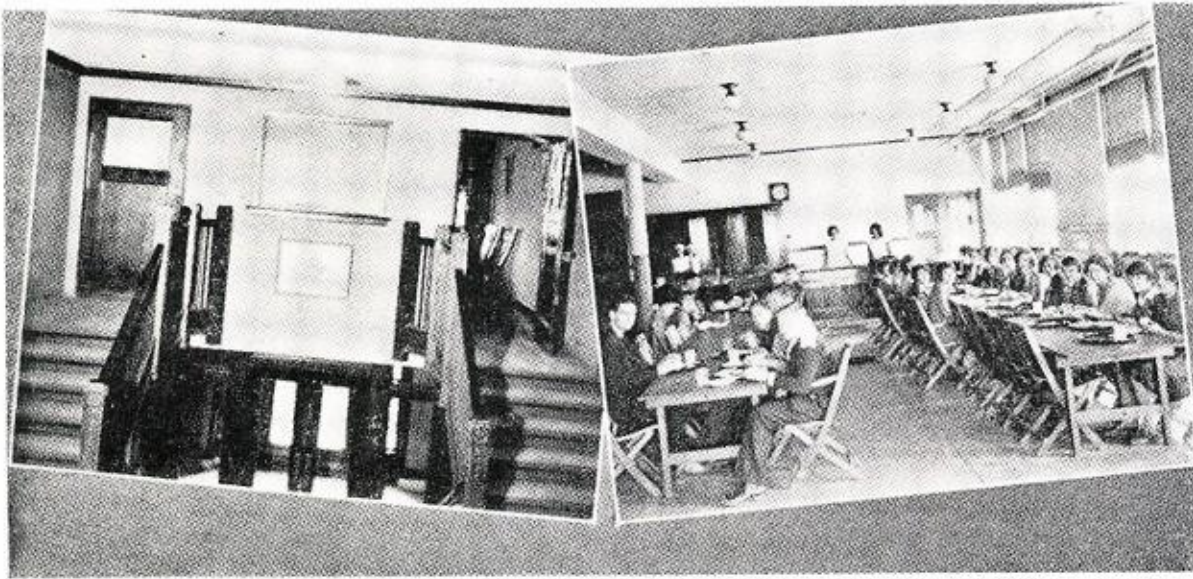
"THOSE ARE good!" exclaims Karole Schofield to Bonnie Price as they examine some senior pictures. Betty Sonntag shows one of her portraits to Gene Sawin for approval.

"WHEN DID we study THIS?" wonders Anita Setchell as she settles down in the library to study for semester exams.



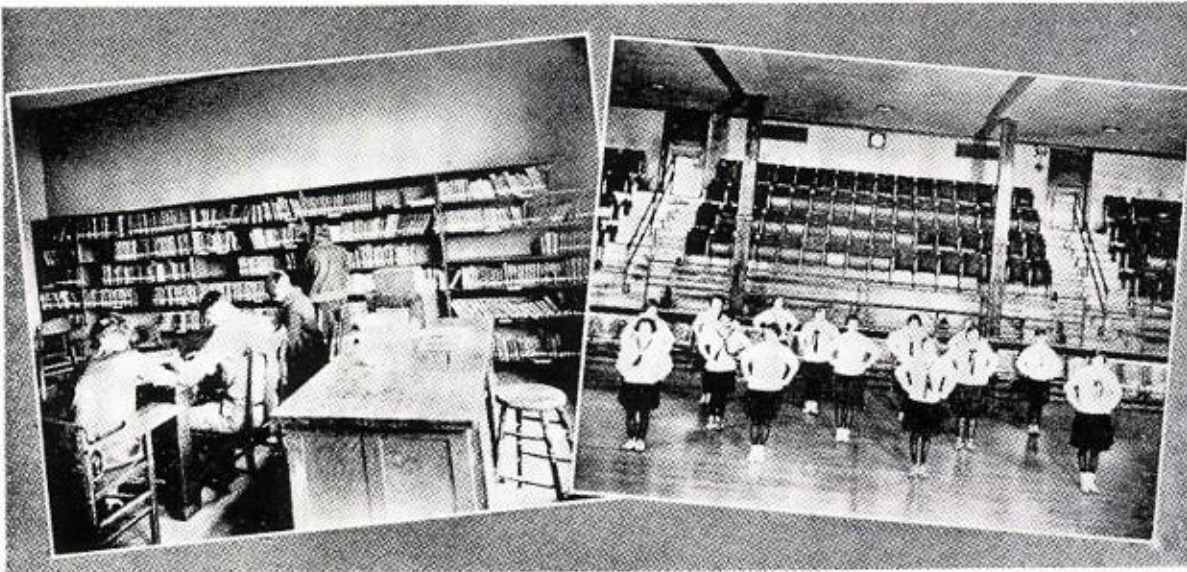
LEAVING SCHOOL with books piled high are Ruth Keefe, Sue Carlson, and Carol Faulk. There will be no dates for these girls tonight!





EXTREME LEFT: The old double stairway leading to the "Teachers' Room" will look familiar to old grads. This stairway and the lounge were removed in the remodeling program. Faculty lounges are now on the main floor in the area previously occupied by the manual training room.

LEFT: The old cafeteria, even with its creaky wooden chairs and crude tables, was a big improvement over eating in the gym as students had to prior to the fall of 1927.



EXTREME LEFT: In 1929 and '30 the library was moved temporarily to a classroom on the main floor. It adjoined the office, and entrance was only through the office!

LEFT: Gym costumes in 1929 and '30 were middie blouses, bloomers and long black stockings. The balcony, as shown here in the 1930 ATODNEM, is changed from its 1920 appearance. (See picture opposite the Student Life division page.)

INDUCTION CEREMONIES for the newly elected members of the Mendota chapter of the National Honor Society took place April 6, 1961, in the high school auditorium.





SENIOR MEMBERS—BACK ROW: J. Goebel, R. Weitzel, R. Fouts, S. Carlson; SECOND ROW: K. Schofield, B. Whitmore, Mrs. Haines, Sponsor; FRONT ROW: J. Jordal, L. Nowicki, S. Schiefelbein, and Miss Strouss, Sponsor.



IN 1925, Mendota High School was granted a charter for the National Honor Society. However, it was only active for two years. Then, in 1958, its worth was recognized. Through much work it was reorganized with Miss Strouss and Mrs. Haines as advisors. The keystone and torch pin is the symbol of good character, leadership, scholarship, and service. The school is proud of its students since over one hundred of them have become members since its reorganization.

National Honor Society

IN THE FALL of 1958, upon recommendation of the faculty, the National Honor Society was re-instated at Mendota, thus adding another organization at our school. Leading this year's organization were: Ron Weitzel, president; Janet Jordal, vice-president; and Linda Nowicki, secretary-treasurer. Acting as advisors for the group were Miss Strouss and Mrs. Haines.

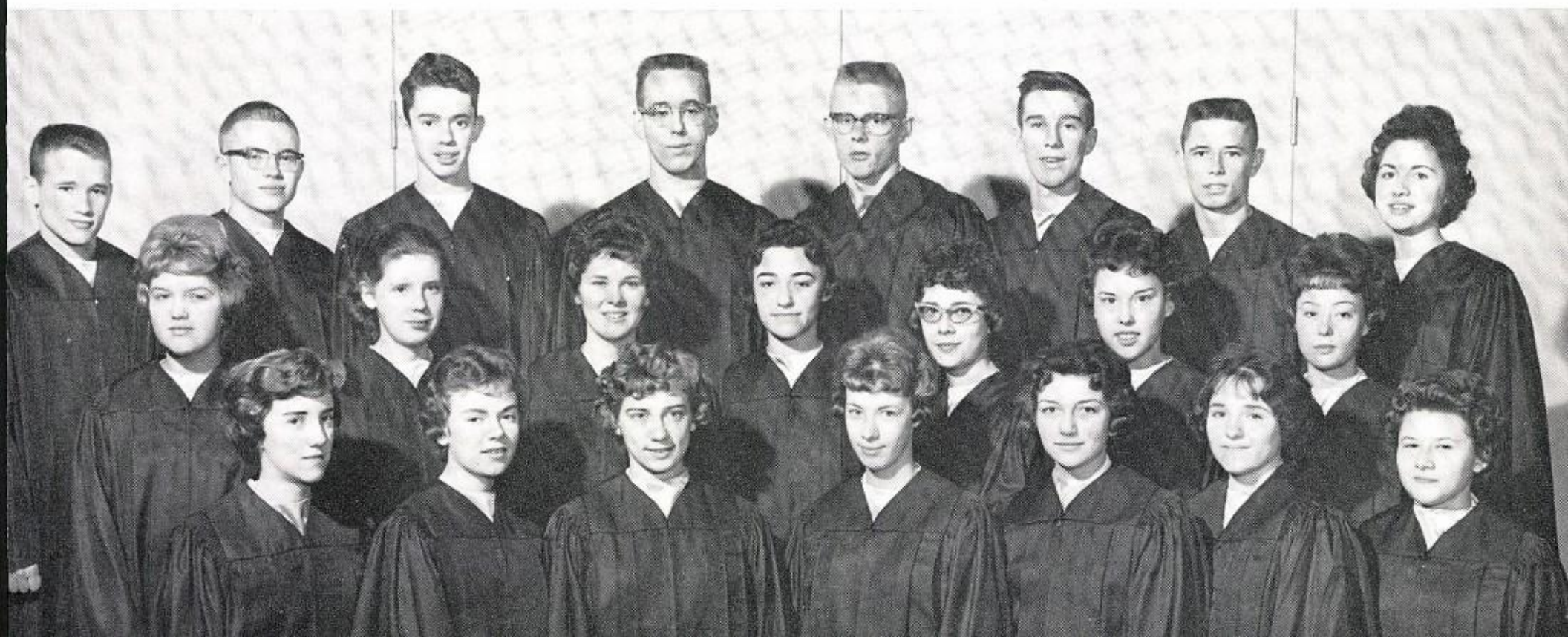
The object of the chapter is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in students of Mendota High School.

Eligibility for membership in the organization includes having a scholarship average of "B" or 3.00. After a student has fulfilled this, the faculty votes on

his service, leadership, and character. If a member fails to keep these standards, he will be dropped from the organization. Juniors and seniors are active members. Sophomores being considered as probationary members have a voice in the organization, but are not allowed to vote.

In an impressive ceremony held on April 6, 1961, new active and probationary members were inducted into the National Honor Society. The proceedings were conducted by the president and sparked by original speeches given by Karole Schofield, warden of "Character", Ronald Fouts, warden of "Leadership", Janet Jordal, warden of "Scholarship", and Linda Nowicki, warden of "Service".

INITIATES—BACK ROW: D. Davis, sophomore, R. Hilst, junior, D. Weber, junior, M. Heidmann, junior, R. Keyt, sophomore, N. Greisen, junior, W. Hanson, sophomore, C. Faulk, junior; SECOND ROW: S. Carlson, junior, M. Springer, senior, B. Price, senior, J. O'Sadnick, sophomore, J. Huss, junior, J. Beetz, junior, M. Lau, junior; FRONT ROW: C. Wright, sophomore, D. Sondgeroth, sophomore, D. Zimmerman, junior, R. Schwemlein, sophomore, C. Koerper, junior, B. Lindenmier, sophomore, P. Isminger, junior.

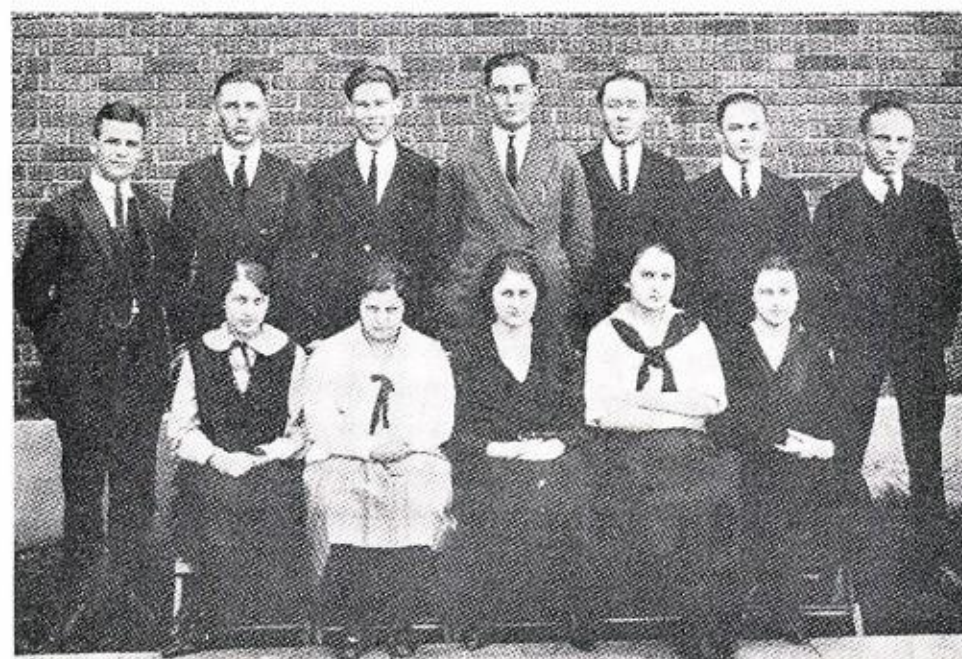




LENDING a helping hand. Student Council member Craig Beardsley directs a couple of bewildered Frosh to the library during the first week of school. The confused ones are Bonnie Sheridan and Cathy Phalen.



"MOMENTS TO REMEMBER"—Sandy and Jim have a lot to smile about. Being Homecoming King and Queen is truly a great honor.



AN MHS STUDENT Council was first organized in 1922. Its aims were to build greater harmony and co-operation between the student and teacher. Students chosen to represent the Student Council were as follows: BACK ROW: Edward Nolan, Virgil Gower, Theodore Nieman, Courtney Nieman, Emerson Hass, Edward Schwartz, James Witte; FRONT ROW: Margaret Schmidt, Isabel Eckert, Lois Moore, Esther Miller, Dorothy O'Neill.



IN 1938 after a lapse of many years the Council was re-instated at MHS and a new Student Council with a new constitution was organized. Members of the 1938 Student Council were as follows: BACK ROW: Wayne Spenader, Glenn Dial, John Schmitt, Jim Wagner; MIDDLE ROW: Mary Louise Walzer, Ruth Schuetz, Marion Ellingen, Kathryn Kramer, Ruth Richert; BOTTOM ROW: Laurence Salander, Katherine Degenhardt, Willis Ashley, Paul Beetz, Lorraine Grosshans.

The Student Council is truly representative



THE FIRST Student Council, organized in 1922, consisted of thirteen members, four seniors and three members from each of the remaining classes. Their purpose was to form a better understanding between the student and the teacher. Lacking student interest, however, the Council relinquished many of its tasks to the Board of Controls and a year later was dissolved.

A Student Council was organized again in 1938. A constitution was composed by a committee of Council members, approved by the student body, and adopted by the Student Council. Through the years its popularity grew, and it came to know much success. In 1947 it sent its first representatives to the state Student Council convention. It assumed full responsibility of all Homecoming activities in 1947 and first held a Freshman Orientation Day in 1950. The Council has always aimed at true representation of the student body.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL is the voice of the student body at Mendota High School and is composed of members elected by their classmates, with the thought that they will carry out ideas to the best advantage of the students. The Council is divided into three committees: student problems committee, ways and means committee, and social committee. A pep committee was established at the beginning of the year, but was dissolved later because of lack of student interest.

Freshman Orientation Day was again sponsored by the Council. This day is held to acquaint the new students with activities, rules, and general procedures at Mendota High.

One of the main activities of the Student Council was the supervision of the thirteenth annual Homecoming activities. This year's Homecoming theme was "This Golden Year," and a special Homecoming week was planned.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a Student Council member before each assembly, in line with the Council's desire to increase the display of patriotism at MHS.

Probably the most successful activity sponsored by the Council this year was the distribution of money, food, and used clothing to the Dixon State School and to various needy families in the community. These items were contributed by the MHS student body and faculty.

This year marked the first year that any member of the student body was allowed to sit in on Student Council meetings.

Those Student Council members attending the Student Council summer workshop in the month of August were Mike Hinkle and Cheryl Walton.

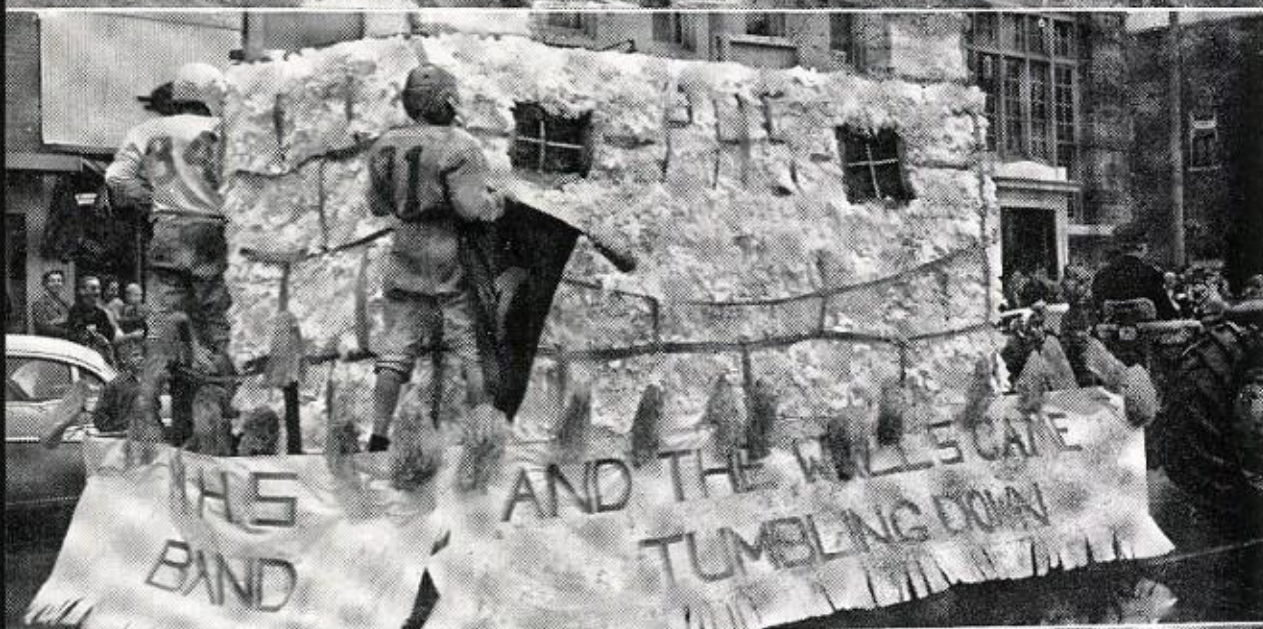
STUDENT COUNCIL—BACK ROW: Mr. Redman, advisor; D. Ultch, A. Kuehl, J. Larsen, C. Walton, C. Johnson, D. Murdock, K. Althaus, S. Carlson, Miss Moore, advisor; SECOND ROW: P. Wagner, S. Schiefelbein, K. Handley, K. Pillar, A. Althaus, C. Andrews, M. Campbell, C. Goebel, J. Biers; FIRST ROW: C. Beardsley, treasurer; K. Schofield, president; B. Glaser, secretary; M. Hinkle, vice-president; ABSENT: P. O'Neill.



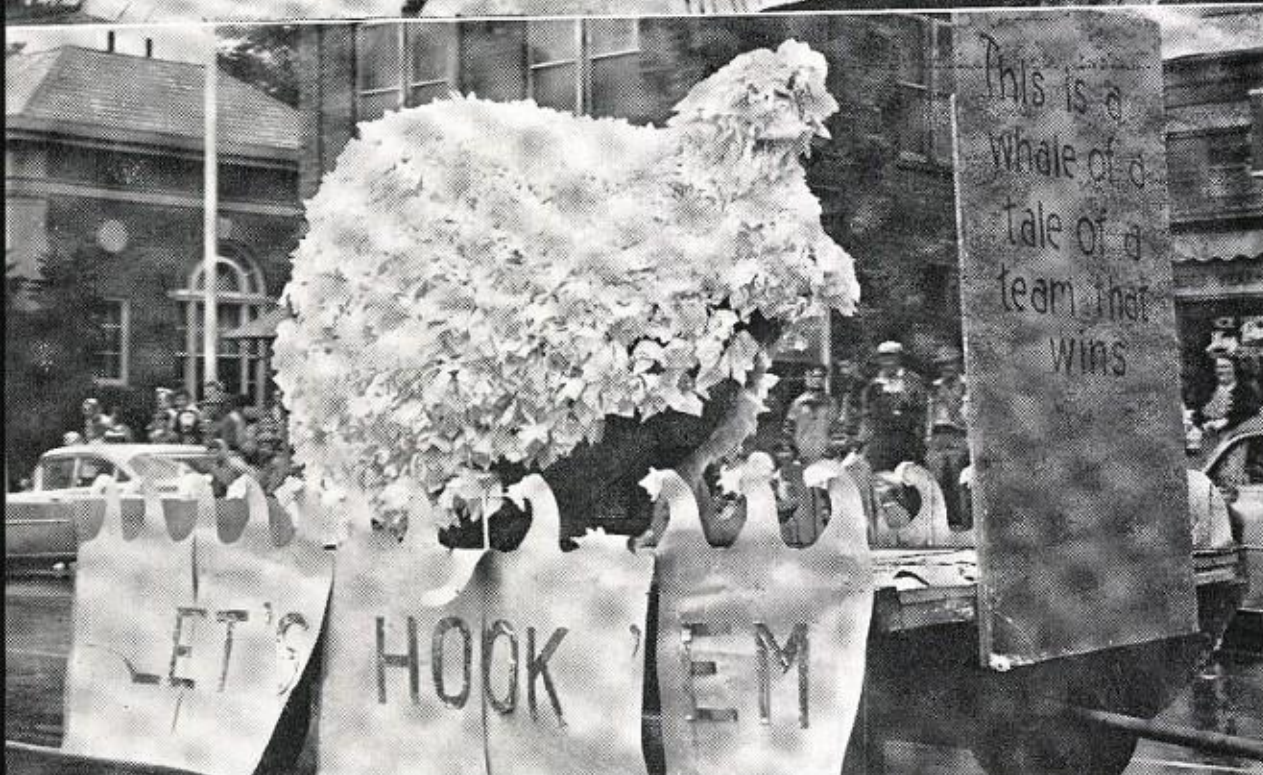
HOMEcoming — work, rain, fun, and memories



THE MENDOTA veterans' Color Guard led the 1960 Homecoming parade



THE MHS BAND captured first place honors for the third consecutive year with their fine entry.



SECOND PLACE went to the newly organized club, Future Nurses of America.



THE GAA won third place with their very original float.

SHOWERS did not dampen the spirits of MHS students at pep session following the parade.



Mendota's thirteenth annual Homecoming was held amid showers and thunderstorms October 14 and 15. A unique idea was carried out this year. The entire week preceding the parade, game, and dance was in some way connected with Homecoming. Monday was "Go Trojans Day." Instead of giving the usual greeting of "Hi," all students greeted each other with "go Trojans". Tuesday was "Honor Court Day," and members of the Homecoming court were treated in a royal manner. Wednesday was "School Color Day". Anyone found not wearing purple and gold was fined two cents per color. Thursday was "Honor Football Players Day." All boys playing football were honored by the students. Thursday evening, the traditional bonfire and pep rally was held in the southeast parking lot, next to the football field. Friday brought the Homecoming parade and game plus an occasional downpour of rain. School spirit, however, was not damp-

ened, and two football victories enlightened everyone even more. The Mendota High School marching band presented an impressive toe-light dance routine. This year's half-time show brought a flood of memories to many band alumni. The band repeated something from each Homecoming show performed in the past five years.

The Homecoming court consisted of: seniors Jim Mahar and Sandy Schiefelbein reigning as king and queen; senior attendants, Janet Auchstetter and Duane Stremlau; junior attendants, Ruth Keefe and Dick Jones; sophomore attendants, Kathy Schmidt and Scotty Jacobs; and freshman attendants, Cherri Garrison and Phil Wood.

This year's Homecoming court dance was held on Saturday night. The gymnasium was decorated in a gold and white motif to carry out the appropriate theme, "This Golden Year".

The 1960 Homecoming Court consisted of, from left to right: sophomore attendants, Kathy Schmitt, Scotty Jacob; senior attendants, Janet Auchstetter, Duane Stremlau; last year's king, Chuck Frey; Homecoming king and queen, Jim Mahar, Sandy Schiefelbein; last year's queen, Margie Corrigan; junior attendants, Dick Jones and Ruth Keefe; freshman attendants, Phil Wood, Cherri Garrison.





HI-LITE STAFF—LEFT TO RIGHT: N. Gehant, J. Forth, M. Metzen, Mrs. Bender, K. Ehlers, N. Jacob, C. Clark.

The Hi-Lite reports student activities

THE HIGH-LIGHT, Mendota High's school paper, was started in November, 1925, under the direction of Prof. Samuels and has been a continuous school function since that time. William Wenninger was the first editor, and volunteer students composed the first staff; thereafter it was the duty of the journalism class to edit it. The spelling of the name was changed in '58.

THE AIM of the Hi-Lite is to inform the students and interested people, far and near, of events at Mendota High. It also provides a voice for their feelings. The Hi-Lite page includes a gossip column, a "Senior Who's Who" column, one on various colleges, and others on sports, classroom and club activities, etc. Students from all four classes did outside work to supplement the efforts of the journalism class; Mrs. Bender was the teacher-advisor. The Hi-Lite has always been printed free of charge in the Mendota Reporter and is an active member of the National Scholastic Press Association.

OUTSIDE REPORTERS—BACK ROW: B. Bryan, R. Weitzel, D.T. Miller, K. Carnahan, B. Smith, T. Schmidt, N. Gallagher; THIRD ROW: A. Althaus, L. Nowicki, S. Marko, R. Keefe, J. Florschuetz, K. Schofield, M. Dubbs; SECOND ROW: B. Carlson, C. Wright, Mrs. Bender, M. Olson, M. Olson; FIRST ROW: N. Gehant, K. Ehlers, C. Clark, N. Jacob, M. Metzen, J. Forth.



Atodnems, 1911 - 1961



MENDOTA High School's yearbook, now known as the ATODNEM, was published first in 1911 and has been published consecutively, with the exception of 1932, from 1919 to the present, to give the student body a condensed view of the year's activities, organizations, etc. The Atodnem has not only shown us the many different patterns and changes in the yearbook, but it has also pictured the various patterns and changes of MHS.

The history of the name of our annual is quite interesting. The first book, published in 1911, was called the ATODNEM from a suggestion by Elmer Feik. In 1919, which was the next year of publication, it was known as the YEAR BOOK. In 1921 it was changed to The "M", and in 1927 after much discussion, it was again titled the ATODNEM. Its name has not been changed since.

Books published in the past fifty years have been of several different types. Early editions were of the saddle-stitched, string-bound type, others were paper bound, and still others were simple spiral editions. All books actually had some sort of paper cover until 1947, with the exception of the books printed in 1919, 1941, and 1944. Since 1947, all of our Atodnems have been equipped with hard or padded covers. Beginning with the 1919 yearbook, the annual was printed by the Hope Press, Conco Press, and, since 1941, all Atodnems, with the exception of '41, have been printed by the Wayside Press.

The first volume of the ATODNEM was published by the Senior Class of 1911 and was dedicated to the late Myra J. Howes. Many of its features were similar to our present books, but there were still numerous variations. The first Atodnem contained a humor section consisting of jokes and humorous stories, a section of advertisements sponsored by various merchants in the community, prophecies of the seniors, and the themes written by the seniors for graduation. This is the only edition in which these themes were entered.

The next yearbook was published in 1919 and titled The YEAR BOOK. For unknown reasons, there were no annuals published between 1911 and 1919. The book of 1919 had a hard cover which differed from the 1911 ATODNEM with a paper cover. Special features in this book were the Will of the Senior Class of 1919, a humor section, and a very interesting school calendar.

Many additions and improvements have been made since the first book in 1911. Division pages have been of many different types. The use of a theme was introduced, many pages have been added, and arrangements have changed. Since 1943 there has been no advertising. The Atodnem is financed solely by the activity fees and senior funds.

The first Atodnems containing any extensive use of



ATODNEM PRODUCTION STAFF OF THE 1950 ATODNEM: Miss Swanson, Carol Hoffman, Miss Breese, Marvin Ehlers, Bill Ebbinghaus, Nancy Cummings, Jim Finley. Editors Nancy Blotch and Betty Rave; ABSENT: Betty Shoemaker, Mary Jane Bruck. Miss Swanson was the assistant advisor from 1944-'53. Miss Breese, our present advisor, has supervised the various Atodnem staffs since 1944. Due recognition for her wonderful advice and guidance should be given her.

color were the 1929 and '31 editions. The form for the '29 edition followed a pirate theme, and found on each division page were original inked drawings individually painted by the MTHS art department. The 1931 edition had an Aladdin theme which was beautifully hand painted under the direction of the art editor, Vida Wicks. Some of the outstanding artists that have contributed to our yearbooks are Olga Degenhart, Caroline Zapf, Ruth Wright, Florence Oettinger, Pat Ehlers and Sharon Whitmore. Some of the art work was done in the form of silk screen drawings, and the 1949 annual contained three beautiful true-to-life, full-color seasonal pictures.

There have been many interesting and different editions of our yearbooks. In '28, the annual was published in three parts; one part was distributed to the student body after each quarter. An unusual edition, 1939, was a paper-bound replica of "Life Magazine" depicting Life at Mendota Township High. Another interesting edition, 1941, featured the picture of the high school building on either cover.

Beginning in 1947, the Atodnems have followed the modern trend directed toward more and larger pictures and less writing. Each year a staff of seniors and their very capable advisors try to make each Atodnem better than the last. We, the Class of '61, hope this year's is the best yet.

YEAR BOOK EDITORS

1911 — Elmer G. Feik	1947 — Dorothy Beitsch	Arlanda Nova's
1919 — Edith P. Shaw	Roger Butler	Barbara Jacob
1920 — Julius L. Schaller	Jim Hickok	Sandy Riegel
1921 — Waldo Nauman	Jean Van Etten	Ruthie Zimmerman
1922 — Emerson E. Haas	Janet Schaller	Judy Rohr
1923 — Max Goebel	Joanne Oester	Mary Hendrick
1924 — Mildred Milar	Nancy Blotch	Carol Carnahan
1925 — Wayne Rex	Betty Rave	Peggy Gorman
1926 — Oscar Kaminsky	Carole Truckenbrod	Beatrice Crenshaw
1927 — William Weninger	Marilee Emerick	DIVISION EDITORS
1928 — Dorothy Goebel	Darlene Ohlinger	Norma Sheridan
1929 — Salvatore Randazzo	Joyce Roach	Carole Betz
1930 — Jessica Huss	Sherrill Davis	Sharon Whitmore
1931 — Genevieve Gibbs	Virginia Smith	Hal Goebel
1933 — Ruth Kohl	Jane Vogelsang	Lynn Merritt
Marguerite Meisel	Marjorie Boyle	Diane Schultz
Frances Hessenberger	Ruth Unger	Marty Huss
1934 — Marian Blair, Chrm.	Phyllis Bruck	Herb Goslin
Thelma Friestad	DIVISION EDITORS	Bob McLaughlin
Dorothy Richert	Pat Ehlers	Jackie Johns
James Mahar	Carol Calderwood	1959 — SECTION EDITORS
Helen Banks	Jeanne Hochstatter	Betty Baker
Lucile Nickel	Violet Korneman	Janice Carnahan
Louis Kerns	Sue Rave	Gerry Bader
1935 — Elaine Kibler	DIVISION EDITORS	1960 — SECTION EDITORS
1936 — Lois Saunders	Barb Tentler	Sue Munson
1937 — Paul Beetz	Isabel Bruck	Janice Ward
1938 — Lois Drennen	Bruce Boyle	Ruth Griesen
1939 — Evelyn Oester	Deloris Gibson	Ann Lorack
1940 — Clifton Bader	Jean Garrity	Joan Nowicki
1941 — Jean Hill	Phyllis Watson	Sue Selby
1942 — Kenneth Truckenbrod	Patricia McConville	1961 — Sandy Schiefelbein
1943 — Ann Van Etten	Barbara Druen	Editor
Robert James	Deloris Budach	Patti Piller
1944 — Ruth Engelbrecht	Jean Elssesser	Joanne Terry
Lois Dean	DIVISION EDITORS	Associate Editors
	Gary Jewel	

The Atodnem — 1961

EDITORS—THESE WERE the people who supervised and directed the different staffs in the planning and layout of the 1961 yearbook. They not only did their own work, but had to see that everyone else had theirs done by the deadline. They are: Joanne Terry, associate editor; Miss Breese, advisor; Patti Piller, associate editor; Sandy Schiefelbein, editor.



All staffs co-operate to publish anniversary edition

ATODNEM is an extra-curricular activity offered to all seniors. The main project of the various staffs is to plan, organize, and distribute the annual yearbook, the Atodnem.

Each day new problems arose concerning layouts, pictures, captions, writeups, and the like. They were taken in stride and served as a reminder of the work still remaining unfinished. As the final deadline hovered over us, we hurried to reach completion. With a sigh of relief we sent the final pages to the press and waited with excited expectation the arrival of our

hard labor throughout the year.

The completion of the year's Golden Anniversary Atodnem was due to the long hours and hard work of the staffs and outside helpers including students, faculty, and alumni. Another very important and necessary factor was the wonderful guidance and supervision of our advisor, Miss Breese. Helping her in her strenuous work were Sandy Schiefelbein, editor, and Joanne Terry and Patti Piller, associate editors.

And now we, the staff of '60-'61, hope that you enjoy reading your 1961 Atodnem.

FOURTH HOUR STAFF—STANDING: Tom Matychowiak, Ron Weitzel, Eugene Pakenham, Sam Slick; **SEATED:** Marlene Metzen, Nancy Jacob, Nancy Gehant. Checking on the fourth hour staff's progress are Joanne Terry associate editor, extreme left, and Sandy Schiefelbein editor, extreme right. This staff was concerned, mainly, with faculty and administration and seniors. They, like the other staffs, also spent a great deal of hard work and long hours in order to meet the deadlines.



SEVENTH HOUR STAFF—The seventh hour staff was composed of Joanne Terry, Patti Piller, Connie Yohn, Bill Bryan, Sandy Diedrick, Sandy Schiefelbein, and Glenda Handley who was absent at the time of the picture. Their main project at the beginning of the year was homerooms, but by the end of the first semester they had also become known as the cleanup staff. Any unfinished or rushed material was completed by this active group.



RESEARCH STAFF — TOP PANEL: STANDING: Tom Matychowiak, Sam Slick, Eugene Pakenhan, Bill Marmion, Jan Huss (junior staff member); SEATED: Barb Whitmore, Cindy Clark, Betty Sonntag, Nikki Stokes, Bonnie Price, Donna Sondgeroth, and Jim Piccatto who was absent. This group of willing people composed the research staff and sacrificed much of their free time in order to check alumni lists and to obtain the necessary historical information for the "1961 Golden Anniversary Atodnem."

FIFTH HOUR STAFF AND EXTRA MISCELLANEOUS WORKERS — BOTTOM PANEL: STANDING: Bev Glaser, Sue Blotch, Sandy Diedrick, Bill Bryan, Donna Sondgeroth, Karyl Ehlers, Duane Stremkau, Barb Whitmore, Judy Florschuetz; SEATED: Margot Dubbs, Patti Piller, Judy Forth, Adrienne Althaus, Karole Schofield, Linda Nowicki. This group consists of the fifth hour activities staff that met once a week and the extra miscellaneous workers who offered their time, hard work, and talents toward the completion of the yearbook.



Future Farmers of America



THE FFA Club was begun in 1930, taking the place of the Agriculture Club which had been a very active and successful organization since the early '20's. FFA first started in Urbana at the Annual Judging Contest in June, 1929, and the local chapter was organized that fall under the sponsorship of George Mercer, instructor. The first Parent-Son banquet dates from the first year and has been an annual event since that time. Other advisors have been Sherwood Jackson and Fred Morris. Ag clubs in the past have often had their own basketball teams and even an Ag orchestra.

FFA is one of the most active organizations for boys at MHS. This group provides additional training and experience for farm boys and teaches leadership, co-operation, and community improvement.

One of the main activities of the FFA is the annual Parent and Son Banquet. This year's banquet was held December 15. Included in the program were the installation of officers, the initiation of new members, and granting of awards. John Pohl received the Pea Award in relation to the National Junior Vegetable Growers. Kent Carnahan and Jim Henkel were presented with FFA statuettes for having earned 5000 points on the "Score Card." Roy Ayers and Jerry O'Sadnick received FFA emblems for earning 1000 points on the "Score Card." Leslie Mathesius was given the outstanding Swine Award.

Attending the state FFA convention this year were Kent Carnahan, Don Avery, John Kern, Mervyn Schlesinger, Marvin Koerper, and Jim Henkel. The two delegates, Kent Carnahan and Jim Henkel were awarded certificates for perfect attendance at all sessions of the convention.

The 1960 State Farmer awards were presented to Marvin Koerper and Mervyn Schlesinger.

FFA—BACK ROW: J. Piccatto, D. Miller, J. Scott, J. Pohl, F. Mann, D. Zinke, J. Swope, K. Althaus, J. Schwartz; FOURTH ROW: J. Betz, L. Schlesinger, D. Dilbeck, D. Truckenbrod, G. Schmidt, D. Frey, D. Stamberger, R. Weitzel; THIRD ROW: L. Henkel, G. Ritchie, D. Setchell, R. Ayers, D. Pohl, C. Ambler, G. Sutton, R. Truckenbrod; SECOND ROW: G. Harmon, W. Stamberger, J. Pitstick, R. Fischer, D. Avery, B. Burkhart, F. Davis, J. Thompson; FRONT ROW: J. Henkel, president; R. Weitzel, sentinel; K. Carnahan, vice-president; Mr. Morris, advisor; L. Mathesius, secretary; J. Kern, reporter; J. O'Sadnick, treasurer.



Learning to do, Doing to learn, Earning to live, Living to serve



AT THE PARENT-SON Banquet, Leslie Mathesius was presented with the Outstanding Swine award by last year's winner, David Stamberger.

FFA PROJECTS

Robert Burkart	corn
Roger Cardot	beef heifer, corn
Fred Davis	beef steers, corn
Ronald Fischer	dairy cow, corn
Lawrence Henkel	dairy, swine, corn
Gerald Pitstick	sheep, oats, corn
Dennis Pohl	beef, corn
Jerry Schwartz	corn
John Scott	corn
Richard Setchell	sheep, corn
Wilbur Stamberger	beef, corn
James Thomson	dairy, corn
Ronald Truckenbrod	swine, corn
Edward Weiler	corn
Richard Weitzel	steers, oats, corn
Donald Avery	beef cow, sheep, wheat, corn
Barney Beemer	sheep, corn
John Betz	beef, corn
Lauren Dewey	steer
Dale Frey	swine, corn
Gary Harmon	steer, swine, corn
Tom Pohl	steer, swine, corn
Gayton Richey	corn
Larry Schlesinger	dairy, corn
Gary Schmidt	corn
Gary Sutton	sheep, dairy, corn
Jerroll Swope	beef cow, steer, corn
Duane Zinke	steer, corn
Carlos Ambler	swine, corn
Roy Ayers	beef herd, oats, steers, corn
Kent Carnahan	swine, steers, beef herd, corn
David Dilbeck	steers, corn
James Henkel	dairy, swine, corn
John Kern	swine, corn
Fred Mann	beef steer
Leslie Mathesius	swine, steers, oats, beans, corn
Donald Miller	steers, corn
Jerry O'Sadnick	peas, swine, dairy, corn
John Pohl	peas, steer
Dale Truckenbrod	swine, corn

STATE FARMER AWARDS 1930-1960

1930	— Lester Betz
1930	— Ralph Ultch
1931	— Richard Betz
1932	— Edwin Stamberger
1934	— Melvin Schmitz
1936	— Clarmont Schlesinger
1937	— Philip Guilfoyle
1940	— Maurice Olson
1942	— Bruce Waldorf
1942	— Malcolm Whipple
1942	— Le Roy Wagner
1945	— Roger Krenz
1945	— Raymond McConville
1945	— Kenneth Truckenbrod
1946	— Robert A. Wilhelm
1947	— Kenneth Finley
1950	— Marlin Hoelzer
1952	— Lyle Truckenbrod
1956	— Elwood Kidd
1959	— Keith Piller
1959	— Gerald Zimmerman
1960	— Mervyn Schlesinger
1960	— Marvin Koerper
Applicant for 1931 — Jim Henkel	
Applicant for 1961 — Kent Carnahan	

The FFA live by their creed:

"I believe in the future of farming with a faith born not of words but of deeds — achievements won by the present and past generations of farmers; in the promise of better days, through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come up to us from the struggles of former years."

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS were installed at the Parent-Son Banquet. They are from left to right: Mr. Morris, advisor; Ron Weitzel, Jerry O'Sadnick, Kent Carnahan, Jim Henkel, John Kern, Leslie Mathesius, Don Avery, Dale Frey, Larry Schlesinger, Dale Truckenbrod.





FHA OFFICERS—BACK ROW: Mrs. Fischer, Mrs. Lipke, advisors; G. Handley, vice-president; J. Florschuetz, president; N. Guifoyle, treasurer; K. Nurnberg, point chairman; SECOND ROW: S. Cook, secretary; K. Handley, recreation chairman; M. Lau, public relations; FRONT ROW: K. Schmidt, historian; J. Jones, degree chairman; D. Sondgeroth, parliamentarian.

Future Homemakers of America



THE HOMEMAKING department started the Home Economics Club in the fall of 1921. It became defunct in the early '30's and was replaced in the spring of 1947 by the FHA with Miss Salzman as advisor and Mrs. Doenier as chapter mother. Each member was required to keep a scrapbook concerning all phases of homemaking. Now, instead, a test must be taken to qualify one for membership.

FHA is open to all girls who have taken a semester of Home Economics and passed the Initiation Test. This year there were 105 members. Chosen as chapter mothers were Mrs. Ivan Florschuetz and Mrs. Lewis Cook. Mrs. Madra Fischer and Mrs. Mary Lipke were advisors.

The Mendota chapter was host to Section 19 at the Fall Rally. Approximately 400 guests attended. A short business meeting was held, followed by guest speakers, skits, and group recreation. Serving as section officers were Mrs. Fischer and Judy Florschuetz.

"Around the World With FHA" was the Mendota chapter theme for this year. Monthly programs were planned in accordance with the theme. The club was honored to have several residents from the Mendota area who were born in foreign countries

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS—BACK ROW: B. Harmon, V. Funtsinn, C. Schmidt, B. Landers, L. Nowicki, S. Reeser, J. Walters, C. Johnson, L. Micheals, J. Sibig-troth, P. Tower, B. Rollins, C. Weber, P. Budach; THIRD ROW: C. Bagley, A. Kerns, M. Sondgeroth, S. Sondgeroth, K. Werling, B. Price, S. Cook, J. Johns, B. Gordon, M. Lau, B. Greskiwez, L. McLaughlin, M. Leiser; SECOND ROW: R. Jauch, S. Mahar, P. Ambler, C. Burley, J. Heitz, M. Weiler, B. Gray, P. Piller, S. Diedrick, B. Yohn, C. Phalen, J. Jordal, N. Yost; FIRST ROW: P. Gillette, B. Trout, D. Virgil, D. Sondgeroth, J. Norris, P. Masear, C. Clinite, P. Hoerner, J. Eich.



They are learning about neighbors near and abroad



FHA-PURPOSES:

- 1) To promote a growing appreciation of the joys and satisfactions of homemaking
- 2) To emphasize the importance of worthy home membership
- 3) To encourage democracy in home and community life
- 4) To work for good home and community life for all
- 5) To promote international good will
- 6) To foster the development of creative leadership in the home and community life for all
- 7) To provide wholesome and group recreation
- 8) To further interest in Home Economics

THE FHA INITIATION was a grand success. In the picture at the left, FHA president, Judy Florschuetz, is pinning the colors, red and white ribbons, on initiate Betty Sonntag as Nancy Guilfoyle, treasurer, hands her the membership card. Watching are officers Glenda Handley and Kathy Schmidt. After the guides lighted the candles and repeated the eight purposes, forty-one members were presented to the officers and initiated.

tell about their homelands. Also, the club was shown slides on several foreign countries. Two former Home Economics teachers from Mendota told how their education helped in their careers as homemakers. A representative from the Northern Illinois Gas Company told about her work as an economist for the company. At this time a film "Home Economics as a Career" was shown. In the spring a local florist showed the group how to make attractive flower arrangements. The club also made an educational tour of Westermans.

The most important chapter activity was the initiation of new members at a very impressive candlelight

ceremony. Preceding this was a scramble supper with all mothers invited.

Money making activities were Man-Hate Day, a Dill Pickle Sale, a Fudge Sale, and several school dances. Several of the recreation activities were Christmas caroling, a style show, and skating party. Other activities included FHA week and Community day. A gift was given to the Home Economics department and a contribution was made to UNESCO, a national FHA project. This organization contributes books, pens, paper, and such materials to the countries that are in need.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS—BACK ROW: K. Handley, N. Stokes, M. Metzen, C. Scheidenhelm, J. Florschuetz, B. Sonntag, M. Lipke, J. Terry, G. Handley, J. Reeder, L. Beetz, S. Marko, C. Carr, K. Walker, K. Ekstrom, C. Yohn, C. Funisinn; **THIRD ROW:** S. Barbre, N. Guilfoyle, N. Jacob, P. Mathesius, S. Erwin, S. Klein, B. Funisinn, W. McLaughlin, E. Vergin, C. Harris, K. Schofield, K. Nurnberg, B. Larabee, E. Sauer, K. Schmidt; **SECOND ROW:** S. Snyder, T. Poisel, D. Smith, S. Kerchner, N. Longbein, C. Daw, J. Fenwick, A. Jahr, P. Schmidt, E. Steele, A. Althaus, S. Stauth, D. Moss; **FIRST ROW:** Mrs. Fischer, advisor, C. Hahn, B. Ashcraft, D. Sondgeroth, C. Van Meter, K. Piller, V. Pfeiffer, K. Hartley, M. Dubbs, C. Sawlaw, S. Blotch, E. Smith, J. Jones, A. Possley, K. Corrigan, S. Gilmore, Mrs. Lipke, advisor.





FNA—BACK ROW: P. Isminger, B. Rollins, C. Harris, J. Terry, C. Clark, R. Engle, B. Sonntag, K. Walker, K. Althaus, N. Guilfoyle, T. Poisel, Mrs. Rollins, advisor; SECOND ROW: R. Bickett, B. Lindenmier, C. Sawlaw, K. Price, M. Davis, C. Neff, M. Cotton, P. Masear; FRONT ROW: R. Maus, L. Miller, secretary-treasurer; B. Price, president; R. Elsesser, vice-president; A. Kerns.

Future Nurses of America is a newly organized club. Mrs. Rollins, the school nurse, is the advisor. Programs were: movies, "Health Careers" and "Helping Hands for Julie"; speakers on the four-year program and other FNA clubs; and a First Aid program. Also the group visited several hospitals including Wesley Memorial in Chicago.

Future Teachers of America now in its fourth year, gives interested students opportunities to teach actual classes of their own choosing. Each year is high-lighted by a field trip to a college or university chosen by the members. Varied programs also offer information regarding teaching as a vocation.

FTA—BACK ROW: M. Dubbs, vice-president; M. Metzen, librarian; G. Schmitz, K. Ekstrom, N. Jacob; SECOND ROW: D. Sondgeroth, R. Schwemlein, J. Beetz, C. Koerper; FRONT ROW: S. Blotch, secretary-treasurer; N. Rich, N. Gahant, C. Chockley, Mr. Richardson, advisor; ABSENT: Mr. Workun, advisor; K. Ehlers, president.





CAMERA CLUB—BACK ROW: B. Sonntag, secretary; M. Jones, J. Wells. SECOND ROW: M. Dubbs, president; P. O'Neill; FRONT ROW: K. Shifflette, J. Norris, vice-president; R. Moon; STANDING: B. Buchanan, treasurer; Mr. Rieke; ABSENT: R. Fouts, E. Pakenham, J. Stimac, P. Kretz, R. Rebholtz.

The Camera Club originally began in the spring of 1958 with eight members. Since then the club has grown in membership and equipment. Mr. Rieke believes that this year even the members' interest in cameras has increased. Members learn about cameras, picture taking, and picture developing. Members, with the assistance of Mr. Rieke, take pictures for the Hi-Lite, school activities, and the Atodnem.

The Pages came into existence during the fall of 1955. It was and still is under the leadership of Mrs. Doenier. Each fall she chooses student librarians on certain qualifications: grades of "C" or better, high citizenship rating, attitude of helpfulness, love of books. Activities this year included a Christmas tea for the faculty, gifts to the Student Council Christmas project, and decorating the library.

PAGES—BACK ROW: Mrs. Doenier, D. Sondgeroth, M. Sondgeroth, B. Whitmore, J. Florschutz, M. Dickey, C. Boardsley, S. Cook, N. Stokes, J. Terry, secretary-treasurer; A. Mellott, J. Baker, C. Weber; FRONT ROW: L. Nowicki, P. Iseninger, S. Snyder, vice-president; M. Springer, B. Sonntag, president; M. Fuller, K. Montavon; Absent: M. Gehant, C. Funtinn.





FRENCH CLUB—BACK ROW: B. Schmeh, J. Musick, D. Jones, M. Beardsley, P. Wood, D. T. Miller, R. Clinite, C. Walton, J. Engel, J. Chaon, J. Herbert, S. Carlson, D. Roegner, W. Wheeler, D. Baker, R. Hilst, M. Smith; THIRD ROW: M. Springer, M. Mathesius, M. Davis, C. Faulk, R. Keele, D. Mathesius, C. Neff, B. Rollins, R. Elesesser, B. Rider, P. Kretz, H. Williams, K. Althaus, M. Campbell, P. Donahue, G. Momeny, C. Andrews, J. Baker, M. Cotton; SECOND ROW: M. Sims, C. Burley, S. Masear, M. Schmidt, C. Donahue, B. Kessler, K. Kostouros, S. Carlson, M. Lau, K. Price, Mrs. Bender, Advisor, B. Higgins, R. Rose, K. Stauth, K. Corrigan; FRONT ROW: K. Miller, J. Baker, S. Dean, P. Isminger, J. Pohl, R. Medlar, D. Duren, L. Roth, C. Carter, C. Copper, P. Hoerner, M. Fuller, J. Kostouros, J. Biers.

French Club led by Ron Hilst as president, assisted by Dick Jones, vice-president; Marlene Lau, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Bender, advisor, was organized for the first time in years. The club, consisting of seventy-two members, had four meetings this year. The purpose of the meetings to learn more of the life and culture of the French people. This was done by showing movies and slides and having discussions of French customs. A special Valentine party was held on February 15, and French valentines were exchanged. Refreshments were served, and songs were sung in French.

Art Club started off its year under the wise leadership of Carol Chockley, president; Roger Corrigan, vice-president; Barb Harmon, secretary; and Carol Foster, treasurer. A trip to Chicago to see special paintings and displays helped further the education of the members. Art Club meets at least twice a month to plan future projects and to work on these. The displays in the showcase near the art room were often done by the Art Club members.

ART CLUB—BACK ROW: T. Guilfoyle, D. Kettleborough, J. Vincent, H. Graff, B. Swisher, E. Parks, J. Scott, R. Rebholz, K. Clark, M. Dickey, R. Corrigan, B. Vickery, W. Woods, T. Thompson; SECOND ROW: J. Auchstetter, M. Frey, C. Wright, C. Foster, P. Kretz, N. Longbein, M. Leiser, B. Harmon, C. Chockley; FRONT ROW: G. Schmidt, B. Funsinn, V. Becker, R. Derick, A. Funsinn, S. Opsal, M. Burkhart, E. Vermillion; ABSENT: Mr. Wedemeyer, advisor.



The Latin Club stages its gala Roman banquet

THE LATIN CLUB, under the supervision of Miss Breese, strives to promote an interest in Latin and to acquaint members with the ancient Roman Civilization. This year about 120 members, each having at least one year of Latin, joined the local chapter of the Junior Classical League. The Consuls were Bonnie Lindenmier and Beth Hopps.

The first event of the year was the State Convention of the J. C. L. at Streator in the early fall. About 35 members of the club accompanied by Miss Breese attended. The convention included, among many other things, the election of State Officers and a recreational period of educational slides of Italy.

The Homecoming float was the second project of the Latin club. Next a Saturnalia program was put on in December by the freshmen. Included in the program were the installation of the new officers and several recordings of ancient Roman legends made possible by the new tape recorder of the Latin department. A mock Roman wedding was the main feature of the February meeting. The last meeting, a picnic at the Lake, was held in May.

The two major features of the year were the annual trip to Chicago museums and the second annual Roman Banquet. The banquet took place May 13 and was once again a great success. A Roman atmosphere was created by the colorful decorations, costumed guests, and the freshman "slaves" who waited on them. A program, which consisted of music and skits, was presented throughout the dinner courses in the traditional Roman style.

OFFICERS

CONSULS

Beth Hopps

Bonnie Lindenmier

QUAESTORS

Carol Rich, Chrm.
John Larsen

Kathy Goebel
Richard Becker

TRIBUNES

Chris Goebel

Sue Wehmeyer

SCRIBA

Carol Wright

JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE

Joan Beez

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE

Ron Weitzel

BANQUET CHAIRMEN

Food

Sue Dean

Decorations

Bonnie Lindenmier

Seating Arrangements

Beth Hopps

Table Decorations

Cheryl Koerper

Invitations and

Reservations

Carol Rich

Latin Week Publicity

Rita Bickett

Programs and Favors

Gwen Schmitz

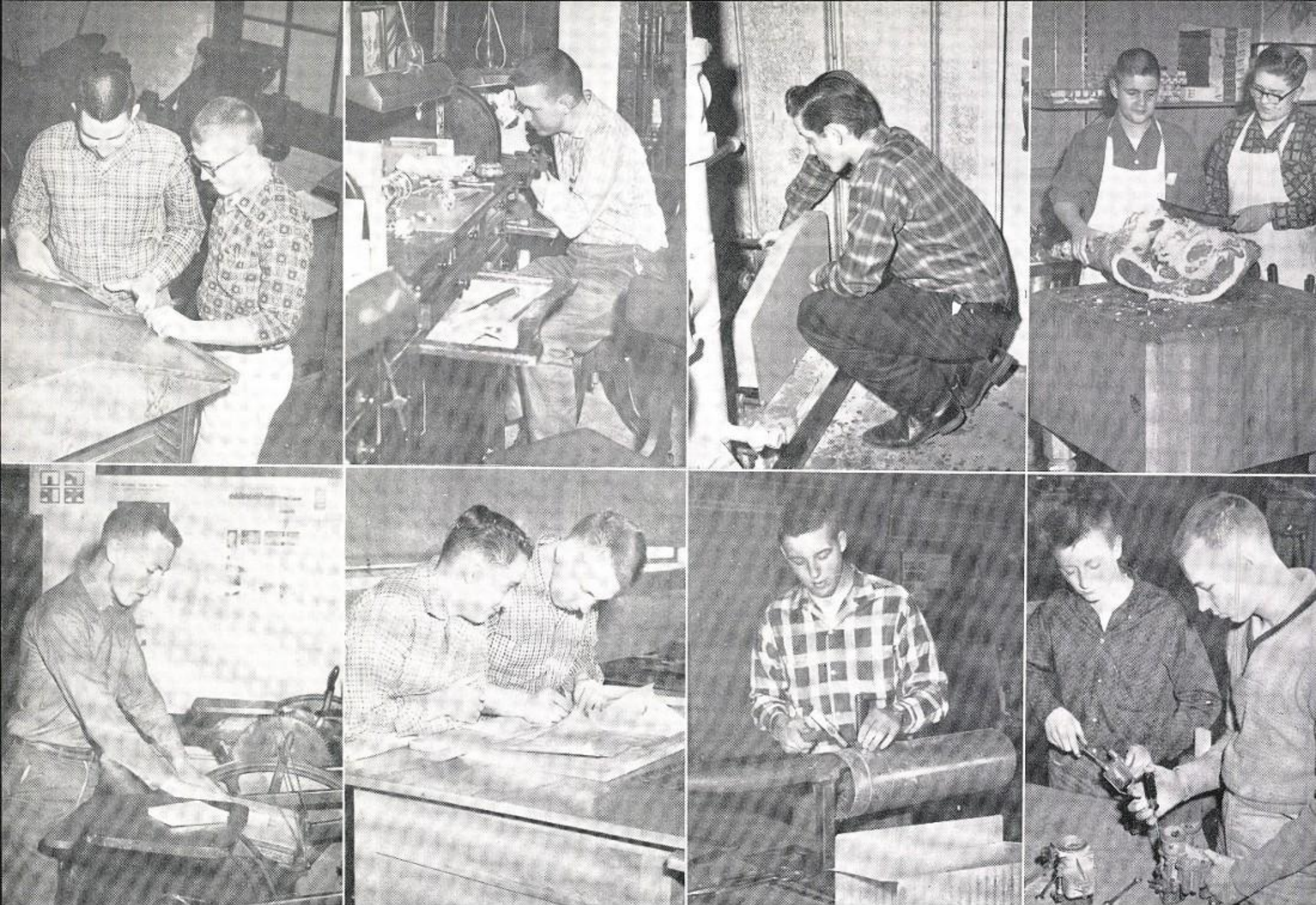
Entertainment

Betty Sonntag

TOP PANEL—BACK ROW: J. Donahue, B. Williams, B. Marmion, B. Sonntag, R. Keyt, R. Eggers, G. Barth, C. Montagnoli, B. Smith, R. Weitzel, T. Matychowiak, M. Heidmann, S. Jacobs, D. Murdock, M. Dubbs, B. Whitmore, E. Pakenham, M. Kerns, T. Schmidt; THIRD ROW: K. Schofield, C. Zinke, L. Nowicki, B. Buchanan, N. Gallagher, L. Miller, N. Greisen, J. Vogelsang, M. Hinkle, G. Schmitz, J. Forth, G. Smith, M. Hochstatter, L. Brewbaker, C. Faulk; SECOND ROW: R. Stimac, D. Meade, M. Marmion, J. Huss, S. Wilson, E. Mitchell, J. Wells, M. Metzen, B. Zimmerlein, L. Beetz, B. Glaser, R. Schwemlein, P. Marmion, J. Stremmlau, R. Kutter; FIRST ROW: T. Guilfoyle, A. Tolon, M. Klinefelter, P. Piller, M. Christensen, P. Wagner, B. Swisher, J. Jordal, N. Gehant, J. Beetz, B. Carlson, N. Barrett, R. Bickett, M. Piller, B. Kessinger.

BOTTOM PANEL—BACK ROW: D. Rickard, N. Jacob, P. Maher, J. Hanson, K. Ehlers, B. Metzen, R. Elssesser, C. Johnson, R. Derick, A. Kuehl, J. Weber, P. Donahue, W. Hanson, W. Whitmore; THIRD ROW: J. Terry, P. Mann, K. Sondgeroth, M. Marshall, L. Prather, P. O'Neill, A. Althaus, C. Koerper, R. Kent, F. Wagner, D. Ulth, A. Beetz; SECOND ROW: S. Dean, M. Fuller, C. Radtke, S. Carlson, D. Zimmerman, A. Tower, D. Virgil, F. Holland, L. Ladenburger, R. Maus; FRONT ROW: Miss Breese, advisor, S. Wehmeyer, C. Rich, C. Goebel, J. Larsen, R. Becker, C. Wright, B. Lindenmier, co-consul, K. Goebel, B. Hopps, co-consul. ABSENT: J. Goebel, D. Brown.





TOP ROW, Left to right: Bill Shirey and Darrell Davis, Wayside Press; Duane McCollum, Gish Jewelry; Larry Eddy, Politsch Plumbing; Harry Ossman and Tom Czubachowski, Food Center and Lockers; BOTTOM ROW: Victor Kazlowski, Wayside Press; Leslie King, Hume, and Bob Myers, H. D. Conkey Co.; Bill Simpson, Mendota Sheet Metal; Duane Bodmer, Faber Garage and Bill Sams, Prescott Bros. Garage

Diversified occupations

MHS WAS the first school in Illinois to introduce a diversified occupations course to the curriculum. Offered for the first time in 1947 under Owen Madden, the course was well accepted and has been popular for many vocational students ever since. The director now is Joseph Rollins, who has been the instructor since its second year of existence. Through the years students have been employed in many different vocations, ranging from airplane repair service to law enforcement and news reporting. Generally, however, few girls have taken an interest in the course.

Credit is due the local employers who have, for fourteen years, cooperated with the school in this venture and have assisted in the training of approximately twenty students each year.

DIVERSIFIED OCCUPATIONS is a course in which students receive on-the-job training in an occupation which they choose. Combined with this is a class period in which they receive information related to their particular occupation. Also, other class information is given which is related to all jobs in the form of movies, pamphlets, etc. The student in D. O. follows a schedule in which he has classes one half the day, including D. O. class, and works the other half.

This class, conducted also as a club, is a member of the Illinois Industrial Education Club. The members elected Duane McCollum as president, Bill Simpson as vice-president, Bob Myers as secretary treasurer, and Darrell Davis as reporter. The members pay weekly dues. These, supplemented by dances, car washes, and concession stand receipts furnish the funds with which they go on trips to industrial plants, send representatives to the state convention of the S. D. E. C., and provide an employee-employer banquet.

The student receives two units of credit for taking D. O., and in this way can get a head start in his chosen occupation, learn much about occupations in general, and, by having regular classes half-time, complete his basic high school education.



WHITE COLLAR CLUB — BACK ROW: J. Norris, J. Richards, S. Schiefelbein, B. Metzen, B. Rider, S. Schammel, S. Cook, S. Kerchner, G. Baumann; FRONT ROW: A. Bauer, D. Virgil, K. Handley, B. Gordon, B. Glaser, P. Piller, Miss Paul, Advisor; ABSENT: G. Handley

White Collar Club was formed this year. Membership is open to students interested in furthering understanding of office procedures. The requirement for membership is that the student must have at least a half credit in a commercial course. The officers for this first year were Sandy Schiefelbein, president; Sandy Cook, vice-president; Karen Handley, secretary-treasurer. The advisor for the club was Miss Paul.

MHS speech activities have a long, long story

DRAMATICS, speech activities, and debate have been part of the activities at Mendota High for many, many years. The first play, "Silas Marner", was put on in the auditorium of the new high school by the sophomores in 1917. Since then the junior and senior class plays have become a tradition. Each class has undoubtedly felt that its play was the best, and memories of the rehearsals and performances have lingered with each cast. Plays have ranged in type from light comedy and melodrama to serious plays such as "Lost Horizon" ('48), "Dino" ('58), and this year's "Abe Lincoln in Illinois." Unfortunately space does not permit a more complete listing.

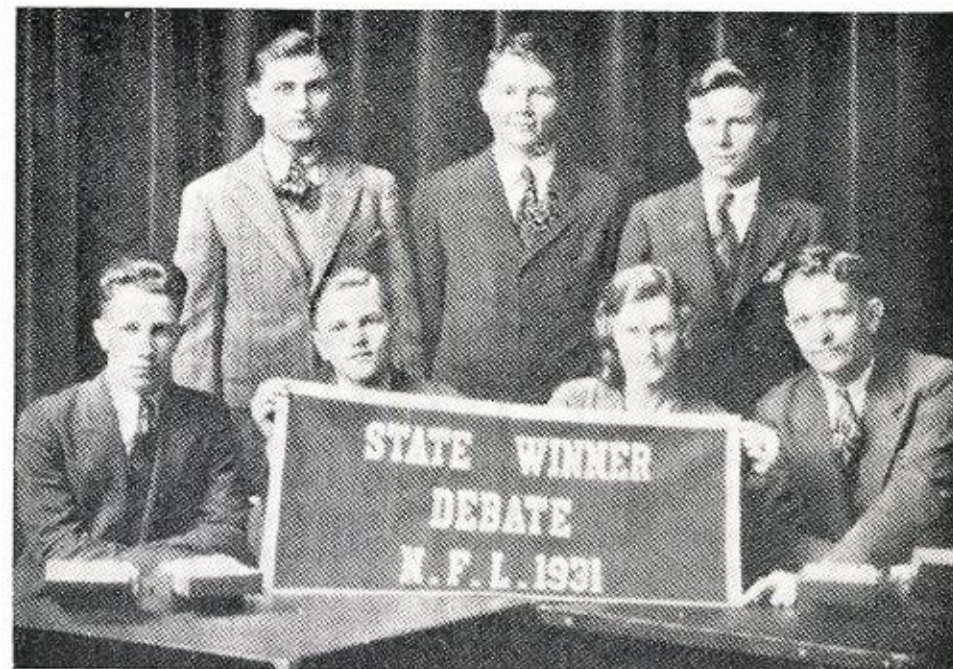
Before debate became a part of the curriculum, there were declamatory societies, occasional interscholastic debates, and numerous speech activities put on just for fun.

Professional arguing became a part of Mendota's curriculum in 1924 under Stanley Knapp, and under his direction debate became quite popular. MHS joined The National Forensic League in 1926. NFL was reorganized and reactivated in 1931 under Mr. Theodore Nelson, who came to Mendota in that year. In the spring of '31 his debaters, Robert Goebel, William Swisher, Gilford Moss, Alfred Engelbrecht, Faith Fitch, and Arthur Sauer won the State Forensic League championship and took part in the National contest at Ripon, Wisconsin, where they tied for fourth place.

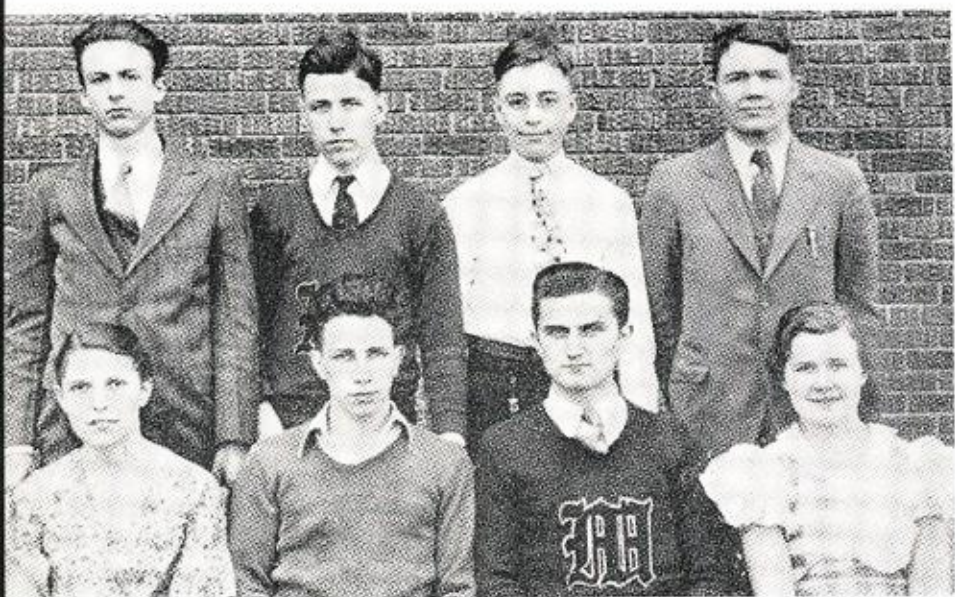
In 1933 Mr. Nelson took his teams to the State music and Literary Contest where Mendota won the Governor's Cup for having gained the most points. Also in 1933 Kewanee and Mendota tied for the state championship in the N.F.L. contest. A toss of the coin gave Mendota first place. Both schools went to the National at Wooster, Ohio, where they again tied, this time for third place. The '33 squad was made up of John Eichorn, Joseph Sibigroth, Melvin Schmitz, Marie Elsesser, Gilford Moss, Robert Goebel, and Doris Van Ry.

A relatively inexperienced '34 squad (Mark Huss, Everett Moore, Eleanor Gross, Melvin Schmitz, Jack Westerman, John Eichorn, Karl Sams, Edwin Stamberger, and Ed Baker) took second in the North Central Conference, second at Sectional, and third at State.

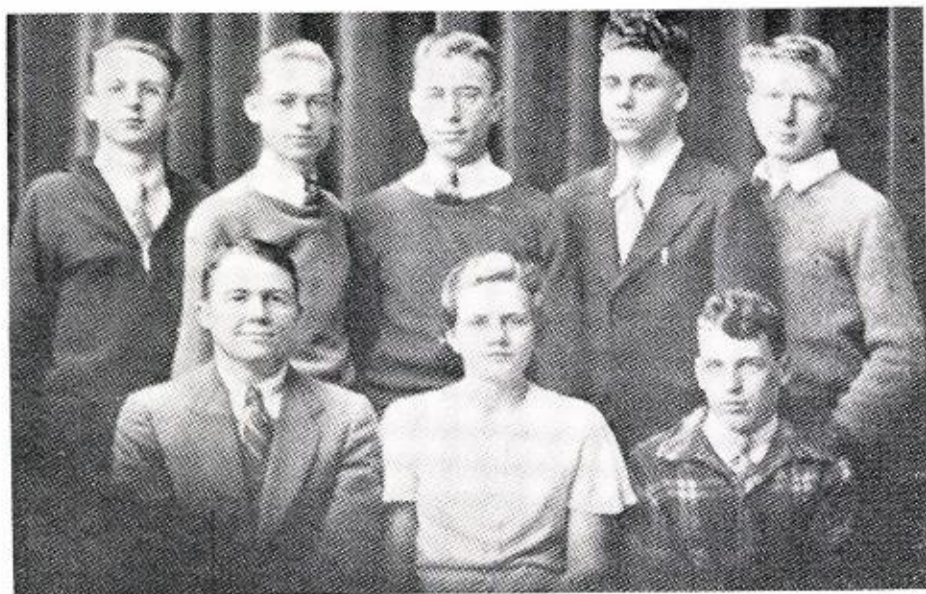
Mr. Nelson's debaters, for the third time in six years, won at State and entered the National in 1935. They also won firsts at the Augustana, the North Central Conference and the N.F.L. tournaments. At N.F.L. Mendota won 9 out of 10 debates. Those that brought these honors to our school were Everett Moore, Eleanor Gross, Mark Huss, Melvin



THIS IS THE team which tied for fourth place at the N. F. L. National in 1931. They are; rear, Robert Goebel, Mr. Nelson, William Swisher, and, front, Gilford Moss, Alfred Engelbrecht, Faith Fitch and Arthur Sauer.



THIS IS THE team which tied for third place at the N. F. L. National in 1933. They are; rear, John Eichorn, Joe Sibigroth, Melvin Schmitz, Mr. Nelson, and, front, Marie Elsesser, Gilford Moss, Robert Goebel, and Doris Van Ry.



THIS IS THE third team (1935) in six years to win the State and enter the National. They were eliminated there after two and a half days of debating by the second and third place tournament winners. They are; rear, John Eichorn, Everett Moore, Melvin Schmitz, Ed Baker, Mark Huss, and, front, Mr. Nelson, Eleanor Gross, and Charles Schmitz.

Schmitz, Charles Schmitz, Ed Baker, and John Eichorn. Ed Baker won second at the state N.F.L. tournament and the right to go to National.

In 1936, Mr. Zimdars came to Mendota as debate coach. In 1938 his squad won first in the Northern District Contest and the right to go to State in Class B competition. There they won the Class B State Championship. Those on the squad were Ken Elsesser, and Mary Louise Walzer for the affirmative and Pearl Nixdorf and Willis Ashley for the negative. In speech competition Margaret Huss and Olive Rapp won the right to go to State in humorous reading and oratorical declamation respectively.

A new conference, The Trade Winds Conference, was formed in 1939. Mendota was the first school to win a first place trophy there. Dean Whitmore also did Mendota proud when he went to the National N.F.L. Tournament in Beverly Hills, California, with his humorous reading. Carol Hanson was his coach.

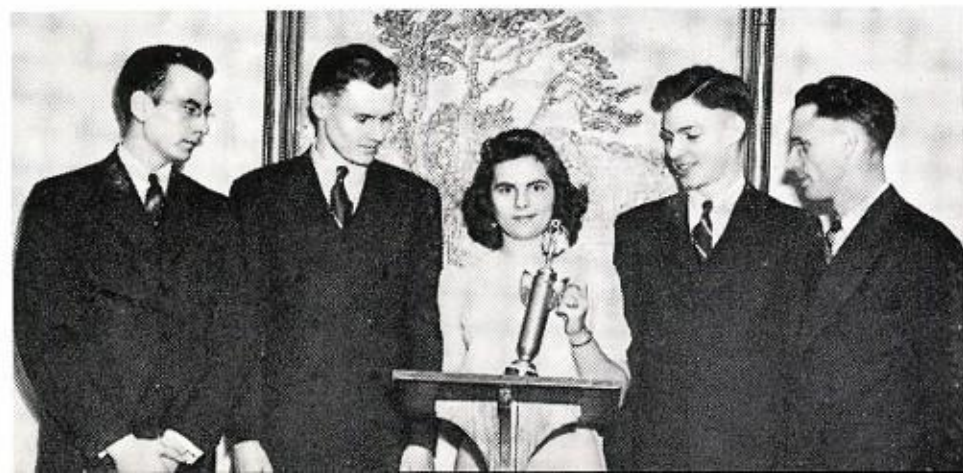
Speech work was most successful again in 1940. Christ Troupis won a first at the Sub-district Tournament, a third in district competition, and a fourth at State. He competed in extemporaneous speaking. Dean Whitmore again won honors for himself and his school—this time in serious declamation. He won first at District and Fourth at State.

Coach Zimdars' team had another successful year in 1941. The team, consisting of William Schmitt, Ken Truckenbrod, Christ Troupis, Bob Wooley, Alice Nixdorf, and Jack Steele, won first at the District N.F.L. Tournament plus the right to go to the National at Lexington, Kentucky. Due to unfortunate circumstances, the squad was unable to attend.

Perhaps Mr. Zimdars' most successful season was in 1943. He led the silver-tongued seven to first at the North Central Tournament, the Augustana Invitational, at DeKalb. The first at Augustana made the third trophy won there in nine years—a record no other school of our size had ever equalled. The outstanding record for the year was 35 wins and 9 losses. Those on this winning squad were William Schmitt, Richard Mauntel, Bonnie Gardner, Francis Matychowiak, Ken Truckenbrod, and Carol Wills. Francis also took the state championship in a speaking contest sponsored by the FFA.

In 1944 the Zimdars team won firsts at Augustana Invitational and North Central Conference tournaments and a second at Sectional. The record for '44 was 30 wins and 9 losses. Responsible for this fine season were Francis Matychowiak and Bonnie Gardner, affirmative; Wayne Ashley and Walter Finley, negative. Francis is the only MHS debater ever to have been on two teams winning at Augustana.

THIS IS THE 1943 team that won first at North Central and Augustana. William Schmitt, Kenneth Truckenbrod, Carol Wills, and Francis Matychowiak are shown with their coach, Edward Zimdars.



Miss Payne directed the first MHS contest play "Cloud Burst", in 1946. The venture turned out to be highly successful, as the play took a second at Sectional, thus winning the right to go to State. Ruth Engelbrecht won a place on the All-State cast of six. Others who took part in "Cloud Burst" were Roger Butler, Charles Hill, Davis Scott, Barbara Reck, and Vera Ritter. Vera did a comedy reading at State, also. The debate squad won the Conference trophy again.

The next year, '47, was a great one for speech work at Mendota. Our contest play, "Afraid of the Dark", its all-boy cast, and Paula Stenger, with a serious reading, won firsts at both District and Sectional. At State Paula placed seventh and the play, eighth. Roger Butler made the All-State cast. The other boys were Charles Hill, Lamar Brewbaker, Jim Hickok, Jerry Jackson, and Pen Faber. Miss Payne was their coach. Mr. Houston's debate squad won first at North Central.

Speech seemed to get more popular every year; 1948 was no exception. Six students and the contest play, "Last Flight Over", were eligible for the District. The play and Joanne Oester won firsts. Bob Holler won second in verse reading. At Sectional, the play and Bob both won seconds and were eligible for State. Those in the play were Pen Faber, Jean Van Etten, Mary Grace Spenader, Bob Cotton, and Jessie King. The Coach was Miss Payne.

Jane Laws, in serious reading, and Les Kramer, in ex temp. went out to bring honors in '49. They both won firsts at Conference and District. At Sectional, Les won first, and Jane, second; both were eligible for State.

Things picked up again in speech in 1952. Under Coach Bill Moogk, the contest play, "Which is the Way to Boston?" won third at District. Four others were entitled to go to Sectional in individual events: Mary Lou Bruckner, verse reading, James Rave, radio speaking, Jane Vogelsang, original oratory, and Gary Olson, original monologue. At Sectional the play took fourth, while Jane won a first and the right to go to State.

Mary Lou Bruckner did Mendota proud by winning first place at State in poetry reading in 1953. She was thus eligible for the National.

Again there was a lag in speech and debate—this time for a period of nearly five years. Then in 1958, Mr. Kerchner and his talented four won the Conference title, tied for first at Sectional, and went to State where they won 3 and lost 3. The squad was made up of Larry Olson, Al Price, Ned McCormick, and Ann Lorack.

THIS IS THE 1944 team that won first at North Central and Augustana, and second at Sectional. They are; rear, Walter Finley, Francis Matychowiak, Wayne Ashley; and front, Mr. Zimdars and Bonnie Gardner.





NFL — BACK ROW: J. Goebel, R. Weitzel, G. Barth, D. Carnahan, D. Weber; SECOND ROW: S. Carlson, B. Bice, T. Matychowiak, S. Slick; FRONT ROW: T. Dawes, M. Mathesius, R. Hilst, M. Hinkle; ABSENT: M. Smith, S. Marko, Mr. Workun, advisor

The National Forensic League is an existing organization which originated thirty-four years ago. This year NFL sponsored an extra-curricular debate class at Northbrook. The officers were Tom Matychowiak, president; Steve Carlson, vice-president; Martha Smith, secretary-treasurer; and Mr. Workun, the advisor.

Drama Club proved very successful, this being its second year. The purpose of this organization is to inform the members on dramatic productions, creative writings, and individual speech work. The Thymelians did much to help all plays that were put on this year, besides putting on three skits for pep sessions. A Halloween party was enjoyed by all.

DRAMA CLUB—BACK ROW: T. Matychowiak, N. Stokes, M. Springer, G. Momeny, P. Donahue, C. Archer, J. Engle, Miss Unakis, advisor; D. Jackson, M. Metzen, A. Kuehl, R. Keefe, M. Smith, R. Weitzel; SECOND ROW: C. Chockley, T. Poisel, S. Wehmeyer, M. Dubbs, D. Sondgeroth, J. Jordal, A. Tower, B. Kessler, C. Andrews, J. Johns, S. Snyder, N. Jacob; FRONT ROW: J. Powers, J. Terry, president; C. Johnson, secretary-treasurer; S. Carlson, vice-president; L. Ladenburger.



Debate at MHS again had an outstanding season

DEBATE, it seems, was never meant to draw the audience it proposes to inform and entertain, for win or lose, there never was that audience—and this year Mendota was winning. At the season's close the varsity record stood 41-27, more impressive than the years before.

All debate was concerned with the proposition, "Resolved: That the United Nations should be significantly strengthened" a topic as timely as those of other years with the rebellion in the Congo trying that organization's authority, Khrushchev demanding the removal of its secretary general, and the related problems of disarmament and the growing world community giving rise to concern around the globe.

The affirmative exploited various aspects of these situations, presenting a proposal for disarmament at Lyons, a system of weighted voting at Normal, Geneseo, East Peoria, and Sterling, and a method curbing the Communist influence at Augustana Conference and Sectional. The negative, in turn, met and countered other affirmative proposals ranging from world government, world law and economic aid to those calling for the United Nations to farm the seas and govern Antarctica. Even such an extended list of proposals fails to manifest the topic or demonstrate the research and analysis necessary for its understanding.

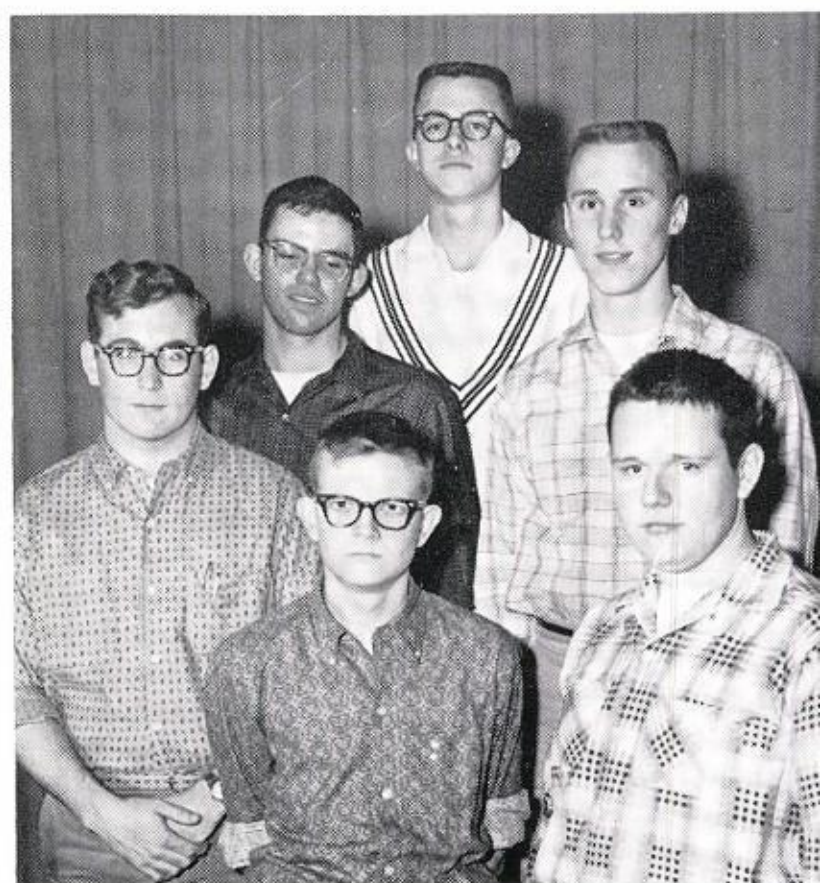
Varsity debate at Mendota has seldom lacked a strong first squad but rarely possessed the reserves necessary for practice debate with extended research and competition. This year to produce a more effective team, there was a shuffling of speakers. Don Weber, Steve Carlson, and Sam Slick saw action as first negative, while Tom Matychowiak debated second throughout the year. Jim Goebel and Bill Bice alternated at first affirmative, as Carlson and Bice were interchanged at second affirmative. The most efficient teams resulted from a combination of Goebel, Bice, and Carlson on the affirmative, leaving Slick and Matychowiak as regulars on the negative where they distinguished themselves.

Goebel, Bice, and Slick, debating their first year on the varsity, received major awards, while Carlson and Matychowiak as returning debaters, were each awarded their second chevron.

On a novice level, teams met with various success. Sam Slick, Doug Carnahan, Tom Dawes, and Lee Oberman participated, winning their minor letters.

While Mendota did manage a first place tie at Peoria with Goebel, Carlson, Slick, and Matychowiak winning 6 and losing 2, the team unfortunately neither won conference nor went to state, missing the required standings only narrowly—by a single debate in each tournament with one loss at sectional hanging on a single speaker's point in a total of fifty.

Not only does debate give much to the school in the matter of prestige among the schools of the state, but it has given much to its participants. The topics of the past years have demonstrated the need for rational thought and analysis and of the communication and persuasion of others. Of necessity, the squad has learned the methods of debate—elements that are needed in the world today in any field of endeavor. And they thank their coach, Arthur E. Workun, for what they have gained.



VARSITY DEBATE — BACK ROW: B. Bice, S. Carlson, T. Matychowiak, J. Goebel; FRONT ROW: S. Slick, D. Weber

NOVICE DEBATE — REAR: D. Carnahan; FRONT ROW: T. Dawes, P. Donahue, B. Moon, A. Steele



1960-61 DEBATE RECORD

TOURNAMENT	PLACE	RECORD	DATE
1	La Grange Subvarsity	6-2	11-12-60
1	La Grange Novice	5-3	11-12-60
2	Mendota Novice	6-1	11-19-60
3	Normal	5-3	12-10-60
4	Geneseo	5-3	12-17-60
5	Geneseo Novice	7-2	1-4-61
6	Aurora E-W	2-6	1-7-61
7	East Peoria Varsity	6-2	1-21-61
7	East Peoria Novice	1-7	1-21-61
8	Augustana	6-6	2-3-61
9	NCIC	6-2	2-11-61
10	Sterling	2-6	2-25-61
11	Sectional, Oak Lawn	5-3	3-4-61

Speech contestants

SPEECH CONTESTS began this year with the annual NCIC conference held at Sterling on February 4. Fourteen students participated with some doing work in two categories, and all under the guidance of Mr. Workun. On February 18, during the District contest held at Morris, Mark Heidmann placed third in extemporaneous speaking and Bill Bice first in after dinner speaking. This qualified the two to advance to Sectional at Oak Lawn on March 11. Mark placing first, again in extemporaneous speaking, won the honor of continuing to State.

BACK ROW: S. Carlson; B. Bice, after dinner speaking and comedy reading; R. Weitzel, original oratory; M. Hinkle, prose and extemporaneous speaking; S. Slick, radio speaking; M. Heidmann, extemporaneous speaking; T. Matychowiak, original oratory; FRONT ROW: S. Carlson, serious reading; J. Forth, original monologue; M. Metzen, comedy reading; ABSENT: R. Moon, radio speaking; B. Higgins, after dinner speaking; C. Chockley, prose reading.



Speech contest play, "Everyman," goes far

"EVERYMAN", an old English morality, with a cast of twenty and under the direction of Miss Unakis, traveled to the annual NCIC conference at Streator on February 15. Pat Kretz and Chuck Ciorba were among those chosen for the All Star Cast during the conference. On February 28, Mendota placed second only to the defending state champions, Joliet, at the

District contest. This qualified the cast to continue to Sectional where they placed eighth in a group of fourteen winning schools from five districts. "Everyman" was presented on March 6 to the student body and was well received. The colorful, period costumes and unusual lighting helped to make the play especially effective.

BACK ROW: C. Ciorba, R. Weitzel, R. Keele, J. Henkel, C. Beeley, M. Heidmann, R. Medlar, Miss Unakis; SECOND ROW: J. Terry, S. Carlson, J. Engle, C. Johnson, M. Mathesius, M. Springer, P. Kretz, G. Momeny, J. Forth, T. Poisel; FRONT ROW: S. Kerchner, B. Marmion, C. Andrews.



The senior class play

"ABE LINCOLN IN ILLINOIS," a three hour drama by Robert Sherwood, was presented by the senior class on November 17 and 18. The play, being the first serious drama given in MHS in three years, dealt with Lincoln's life from his first meeting with Ann Rutledge until he left Springfield to take the office of President.

The whole cast, under the expert direction of Mr. Warren and his assistant student directors, Margot Dubbs and Marlene Metzen, gave an outstanding performance. Ron Weitzel did an excellent portrayal of Abe Lincoln with Karole Schofield as Mary Todd also giving a notable performance.

No prompters were used during the actual presentation. This is especially remarkable since the speeches of the main characters were long and demanded much memory work. A production such as this one required the cooperation of a large crew. The twelve scene changes were handled quickly and smoothly. All of the costumes were authentic and very colorful.



KAROLE SCHOFIELD and Ron Weitzel played the difficult lead roles of Mary Todd and Abe Lincoln with fine perception and feeling.

ABE LINCOLN IN ILLINOIS

Directed by Stephen Warren

Assistant Directors: Margot Dubbs, Marlene Metzen

Mentor Graham Jim Goebel
Abe Lincoln Ron Weitzel
Ann Rutledge Carolyn Sawlaw
Ben Matting Gary Campbell
Judge Bowling Green Bill Bice
Ninian Edwards . Tom Matychowiak
Joshua Speed Ron Fouts
Trum Cogdal Don Stamberger
Jack Armstrong Jim Henkel
Bab Robert Buchanan
Feargus Walt Piller
Jasp Gene Sawin
Seth Gale Jim Piccatto
Nancy Green Joanne Terry
William Herndon Steve Carlson
Elizabeth Edwards .. Cathy Johnson
Mary Todd Karole Schofield

The Edwards' Maid . Sandy Snyder
Jimmy Gale Gary Metzen
Aggie Gale Betty Sonntag
Gobey Bob Moon
Stephen A. Douglas .. Bill Marmion
Willie Lincoln Duane Piller
Tad Lincoln Gary Schmidt
Robert Lincoln Gene Sawin
The Lincoln's Maid .. Margot Dubbs
Crimmin Chuck Beeley
Barrick Jim Goebel
Sturveson Don Stamberger
Jed Walt Piller
Phil Bill Bice
Kavanaugh Gary Campbell
Captain Bob Buchanan
Soldiers . Jim Piccatto, Bill Marmion

SYNOPSIS

Act I is in and about New Salem in the 1830's.

Scene 1: Mentor Graham's cabin at night.

Scene 2: The Rutledge Tavern.

Scene 3: Bowling Green's house a year or so after Scene 2.

Act II is in and about Springfield in the 1840's.

Scene 4: The law office of Stuart and Lincoln.

Scene 5: Parlor of the Edward's house some months after the preceding scene.

Scene 6: Again the law office a few weeks later.

Scene 7: On the prairie at New Salem.

Scene 8: Again the parlor of the Edward's house, a few days later.

Act III is in and about Springfield in 1858-1861.

Scene 9: A speaker's platform in an Illinois town, 1858.

Scene 10: Parlor of the Edward's home now used by the Lincolns in the year 1860.

Scene 11: Lincoln campaign headquarters Election Day, November 6, 1860.

Scene 12: The railroad yards at Springfield, February 11, 1861.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY CAST — B. Bice, S. Carlson, C. Johnson, D. Stamberger, J. Piccatto, E. Sawin, B. Marmion, G. Campbell, B. Buchanan, T. Matychowiak, C. Beeley, K. Schofield, J. Henkel, R. Weitzel, R. Fouts, W. Piller, J. Terry, M. Metzen, B. Sonntag, S. Snyder, M. Dubbs, J. Goebel, C. Sawlaw.





Junior class play

BEST FOOT FORWARD

Dutch Miller	Marty Kerns
Hunk Hoyt	Ron Hilst
Satchel Moyer	George Barth
Chuck Green	Tom Schmidt
Dr. Reeber	Mark Heidmann
Old Grad	Jack Herbert
Minerva	Lois Fischer
Ethel	Janet Engle
Miss Delaware Water Gap	Sue Dean
The Blind Date	Amy Kuehl
Bud Hooper	Mike Hinkle
Professor Lloyd	John Kern
Gale Joy	Sue Carlson
	Pam Isminger
Jack Haggerty	Dave Weber
Chester Billings	Norm Greisen
Helen Schlessinger	Ruth Keefe
Miss Smith	Mary Mathesius
Student Directors	Pam Isminger
	Martha Smith
Director	Mr. Warren

UPPER LEFT—Typical of the many comical scenes which went on in the dormitory, this picture also illustrates one of the more exciting moments.

LOWER LEFT—The large window, surrounded by the cast, was an important asset in the play as many characters used it to enter or escape secretly from Bud Hooper's room.

"BEST FOOT FORWARD", a comedy in three acts by John Cecil Holm, was presented by the junior class on March 23 and 24. Bud Hooper turns a perfectly proper Junior-Senior Prom into a riot when he invites actress Gale Joy to be his date instead of his steady girl friend.

The cast had as much fun presenting the play as the audience did watching it. Mark Heidmann, Janet Engle, Sue Carlson, Ruth Keefe, and Mary Mathesius

had previous experience in the contest play, but the others made their first appearances in the comedy. Pam Isminger did a very commendable job of taking over the Thursday night performance when Sue Carlson became too ill to do it. Sue took over on Friday night.

The cast wishes to express its appreciation for Mr. Warren's expert direction, patience, and saving sense of humor during the weeks of frustrating practice.

PLAY CAST—LEFT TO RIGHT: L. Fischer, R. Hilst, J. Kern, S. Dean, P. Isminger, R. Keefe, M. Hinkle, M. Smith, M. Kerns, M. Heidmann, J. Engle, G. Barth, M. Mathesius, D. Weber, A. Kuehl, N. Greisen, J. Herbert, Mr. Warren, Director; T. Schmidt.



MHS band history



IT WAS 1924 that J. Frank Hopkins organized the first band. Other directors following were Lawrence Tuleen (1925, '26), Oliver Procknow ('27, '28), and C. T. Pierson, ('29). In the years 1930-'37 Harlan Peithman brought instrumental music to a high level. Mendota entered music contests for the first time in 1931, and the tradition of high ratings for MHS contestants was begun.

Stanley Fisher took over in '38, and bands and ensembles continued to grow. In 1940 the entire band went to New York to play at the World's Fair.

William Pierce was director from 1942 to '49 with the exception of '46 when Charles O'May was in charge. MHS contestants continued to receive many first division ratings. Earnest Schlick was instrumental director from 1950 to '56, immediately preceding Mr. Baile, under whom we have reached levels of excellence little dreamed of in 1924.



WILLIAM PIERCE



MR. J. FRANK HOPKINS organized the first MHS Band in 1924. The members were: Solo Clarinet, Leon Bohy; 1st Clarinet, Arthur Bush; 2nd Clarinet, Tennis Davis; 3rd Clarinet, Fern Wallace; 1st Saxophones, Robert Gardner; 2nd Saxophone, Richard Leiser; Solo Cornet, Alvin Schildberg; 1st Cornet, Herbert Klatt; 2nd Cornet, Clarence Scheidenhelm; 3rd Cornet, Leslie Miller; 1st Alto, Clifford Peterson; 2nd Alto, Frank Kidd; Tuba, Theodore Rosenkrans; Side Drum, Theodore Henning; Bass Drum, Jessis Witte; Cymbals, Darlene Brown; Baritone, J. Frank Hopkins.



IN 1931 THE MHS Band consisted of 46 members who supplied music for many events under the direction of Mr. Harlan Peithman. Music had developed and progressed through the years; and an addition of fifty new capes and seventy new over-seas caps highlighted that year.

TOP ROW: Robert Truckenbrod, Norma Lee Reeser, Lois Feik, Barbara Heininger, Elaine Parsons, Bernice Sibigroth, Mrs. Frank Moore, Joyce Dierwechter, Rose Cullison, nurse, Mrs. Stanley Fisher, Mr. Stanley Fisher, Harry Mauntel, Mrs. Gabriel Pohl, Mrs. Ida Smith, Mrs. Henry Leilheit, Lila Sutton, Elmer Feik, George Sibigroth, Charles Parson, Stanley Yost, Bud Carr, James Wagner; ROW TWO: Marilyn Walton, Beverly Moore, Betty Lou Otterbach, Lois Rave, Barbara Besenfelder, Evelyn Leilheit, Shirley Greenwood, Esther Larson, Anne Ennenbach, Jack Steele, Benton Brown, Lyle Sutton, Doris Lotts, Madilyn Mercer, Rita Zolper, Ellen Larson, Gladys Hitchins, Faith Elaine Rhodes, Joyce Kehm, Clarice Pohl; FRONT ROW: Keith Barrett, Merle Knox, Milton Rapp, Wayne Ashley, Floyd Setchell, Bob Atherton, Bob Wulf, Charles Fahler, Dean Whitmore, Jack Durham, Bernard Coss, Archie Erbes, Clifton Bader, Wayne Kessinger, Jim Besenfelder, Charles Gesslein, Fred Wagner, Henry Holliston.



Music groups attend festivals

ALMOST one half of the choir and a number of band students enjoyed a fine N.C.I.C. Festival Chorus at Dixon High School, Dixon, Illinois, under the excellent leadership and direction of Dr. Leland Sateren.

Five choir members and one instrumentalist had a snowy trip down to Champaign for the All-State Festival consisting of six hundred students with Dr. David Foltz directing. Judy Forth, the instrumentalist, played in the Senior All-State Band at this All-State Festival.

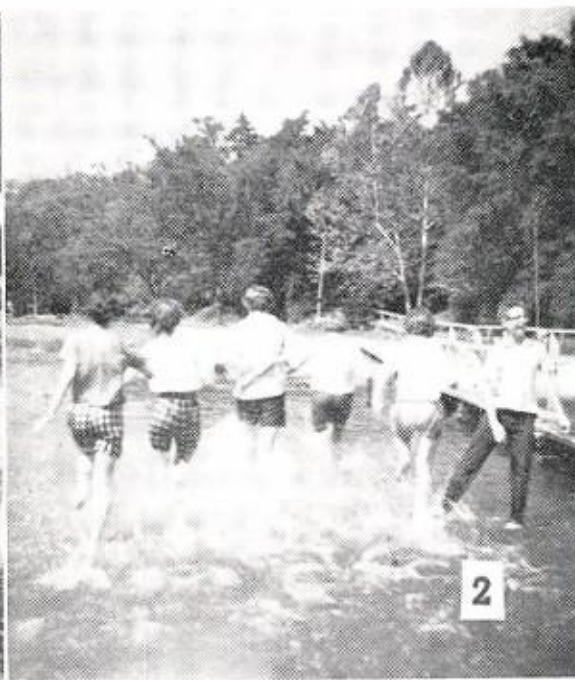


ALL-STATE FESTIVAL — BACK ROW: K. Althaus, R. Menzel, C. Betz; FRONT ROW: D. Virgil, B. Glaser, J. Forth

FESTIVAL BAND — BACK ROW: M. Hinkle, J. Forth, R. Hilst, J. Goebel, C. Ciorba, C. Foulk, G. Campbell; THIRD ROW: A. Tower, S. Blotch, D. Stamberger, C. Walton, A. Kuehl, C. Koerper; SECOND ROW: C. Sawlaw, B. Williams, B. Gordon, R. Keefe, D. Zimmerman; FRONT ROW: C. Wright, C. Burley

FESTIVAL CHORUS — BACK ROW: C. Betz, B. Moon, D. Clinite, G. Swope, R. Childers, R. Rebholz, R. Menzel, K. Althaus, Mr. Chapman; THIRD ROW: K. Smith, C. Clark, R. Elsesser, J. Walter, R. Derick, B. Sonntag, L. Beetz; SECOND ROW: B. Gray, A. Althaus, S. Cook, B. Price, K. Schofield, J. O'Sadnick, C. Neff; FRONT ROW: T. Poisel, S. Sondergroth, J. Fenwick, M. Lau, B. Glaser, M. Weiler





Band Snapshots

1—2 Annual Band Picnic at White Pines in June. Wading in the water is one of the many features enjoyed. Was the water cold, kids?

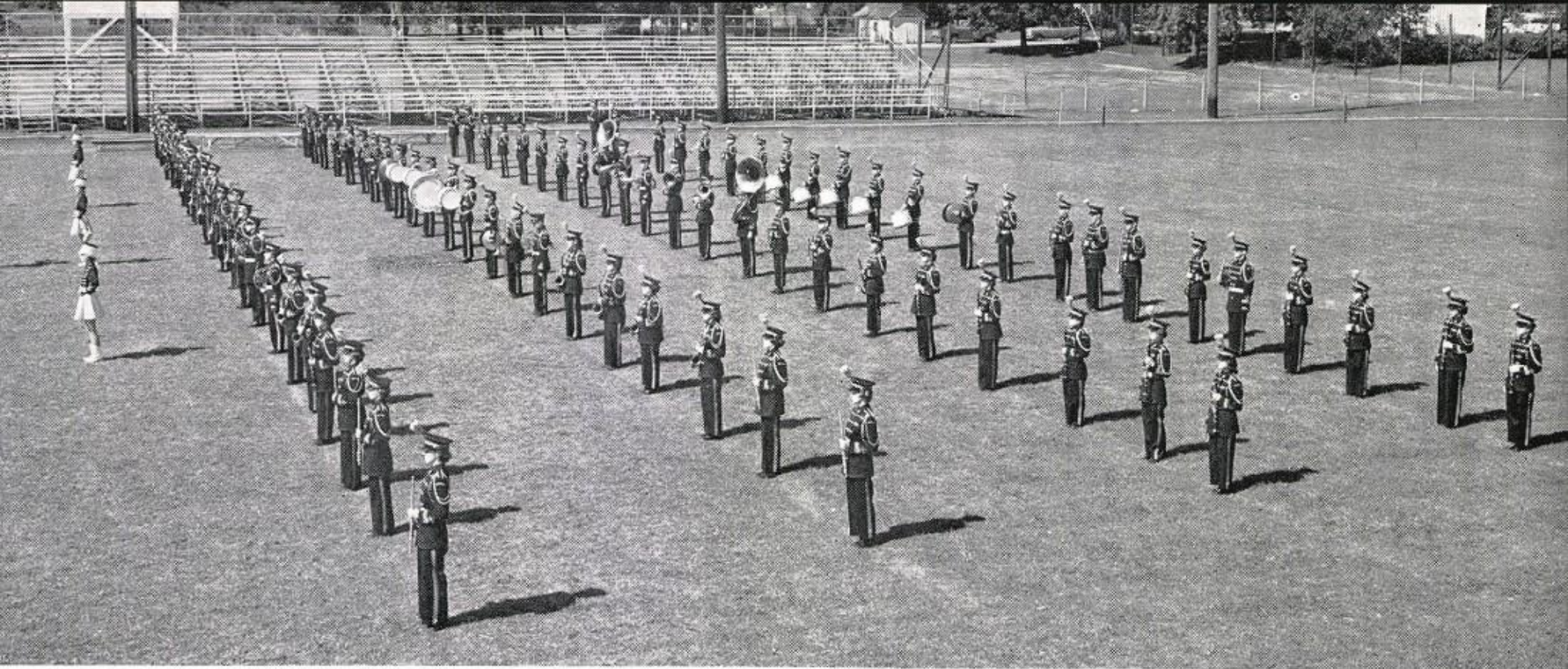
3—4—7 Band on their way to and from Griffith, Indiana, for their performances and week-end stay. Students enjoyed touring U.S.S. Silversides on their return stop in Chicago.

5—Contest people getting ready to practice. They held many gab sessions after school.

6—Rehearsal picture of Homecoming half-time show.

8—Rehearsal shot of preparation for annual Symphony Concert showing guest soloists, George Persons and Mrs. Phyllis Bergagna.





THE MENDOTA High School Marching Band did a commendable job during their half-time performances at the football games.

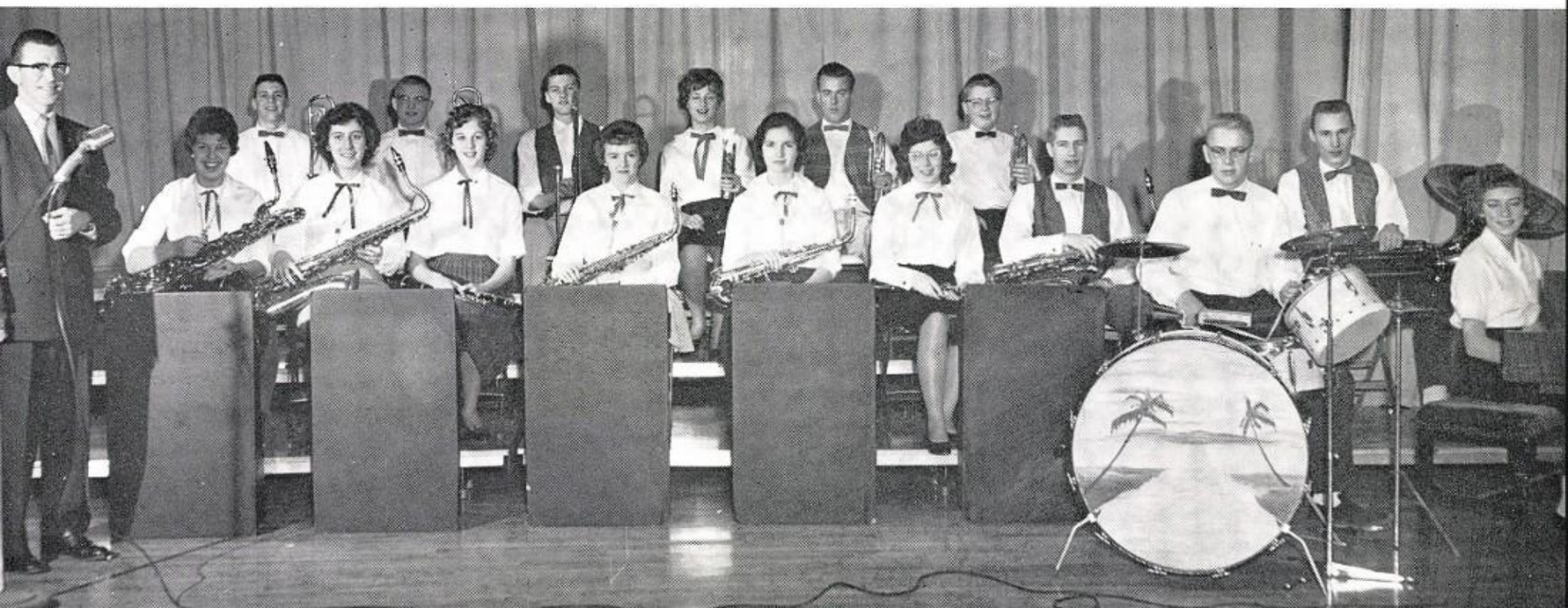


DRUM MAJORETTES — Sue Blotch, Judy Forth, Leslie Beetz, Janet Jordal.

The Marching Band presented four shows at halftime of the Varsity football games. The homecoming was dedicated to graduates of the band from the past four years, presenting highlights of each of these shows. Alumni of each of those years took part as the announcer introduced their year. The band marched at the Lions International Parade in Chicago, and attended later a party at the Aragon Ball Room. The band came out 10th in the entire high school band competition of the parade. They also marched at the Homecoming, Veterans' Day, and Memorial Day parades as well as at the Mendota Sweet Corn Festival.

The Dance Band performed this year at the Spring Band Concert, and also the eighth grade graduation. Last summer the members of the dance band went to Chicago. They spent the day shopping and touring the repair department of Lyons Band Instrument Company; that evening they went to Mr. Kelly's to hear Mel Tormaine, singer and pianist.

DANCE BAND — BACK ROW: C. Ciorba, R. Hilst, R. Walton, K. Ehlers, B. Williams, D. Kettleborough, J. Goebel; FRONT ROW: Mr. Baile, director, G. Moss, P. Donahue, C. Walton, S. Blotch, C. Andrews, A. Tower, D. Stamberger, T. Schmidt, D. Zimmerman.



Mendota High School Full Band

THE MENDOTA HIGH SCHOOL band can again be proud of its many accomplishments throughout the entire year. For the third straight year the band's Homecoming float captured first place. Also highlighting the Homecoming festivities was the marvelous half-time program presented during the varsity football game. This emphasized the important points of the last four Homecoming shows, featuring the toe-light dance routines and a performance by the grade school band.

The Concert band's biggest event during the year was the second Annual Symphony Concert which performed all of Moussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition". Guest soloists were Phyllis Bergagna, who also sang last year, and George Person, doing arias from the opera "Carmen". Also featured were the first four flutists. This event was well attended by well over four hundred people and was received enthusiastically.

The MHS band shared the spotlight with the Grade School band at their mid-winter concert. It was sponsored by the Band-Aides and was one of the best combined bands ever presented.

The highlight for the band this year was their tour and concert at Highland and Griffith high schools in February. They left on a snowy morning and arrived in Indiana, playing first at Highland and then on to Griffith where they spent the night. On the return trip the band stopped at Chicago and toured the USS Silversides submarine, the USS destroyer Daniels and the Chicago Sun-Times building.

On a return visit, the Griffith band members were guests in Mendota on March 17. During the day they presented a student assembly and were guests at the Kanteen party in the evening.

The band also presented various student assemblies and marched in many parades. Their last performance was at graduation.

STANDING: D. Ultch, T. Dawes, G. Smith, T. Schmidt, J. Goebel; FOURTH ROW: C. Donahue, G. Baumann, C. Radtke, K. Price, D. Moss, B. Carlson, B. Lindenmier, J. Sibigroth, P. Maher, B. Landers, J. Hanson; THIRD ROW: K. Goebel, C. Harris, B. Kessinger, G. Momeny, C. Nelson, L. Weiler, N. Eich, D. Mead, G. Moss, C. Andrews, S. Blotch, B. Rider, K. Schmidt, D. Mathesius, D. Stanberger; SECOND ROW: M. Campbell, C. Archer, S. Wehmeyer, B. Gordon, L. Ladenburger, P. Mann, M. Schmidt, A. Kuehl, K. Althaus; FRONT ROW: D. Zimmerman, C. Sawlaw, M. Christensen, A. Tower, C. Walton, J. Engle, C. Koerper.



ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Summer 1960

Annual Picnic at White Pines State Park
Lions International Parade — Chicago, Ill. —
Party at Aragon Ballroom
Sweet Corn Festival Parade
Chicagoland Music Festival
Tri-County Fair

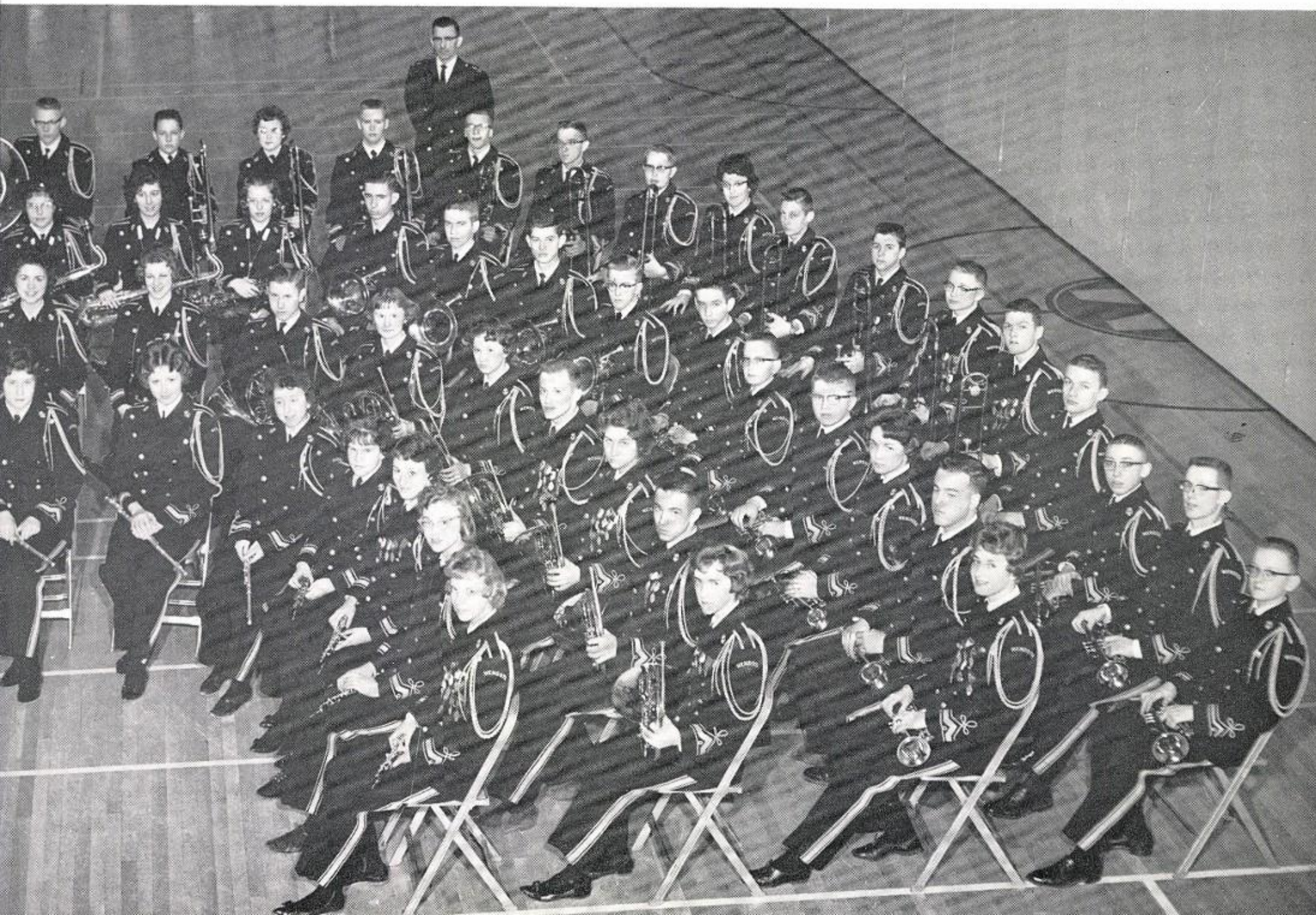
1960-61 School Year

4 Halftime Marching Shows
10 Basketball performances (Pep Bands)
11 Pep Sessions (Screwball Band)
Homecoming Parade
Veterans Day Parade & Program
Memorial Day Parade & Program
W. D. Boyce Pilgrimage (Boy Scouts of America)
Parade — Ottawa
N.C.I.C. Music Festival — Dixon — Glen Cliff
Bainum, director
2 Dance Band Performances
Civic Organization Performances — Solo and
Ensembles
3 Student Assemblies
District and State Solo and Ensemble Contest
Indiana Tour: Highland High School — Griffith
High School (overnight) — Chicago — tour of
USS Submarine Silversides — Chicago Sun
Times Building
Christmas Concert — Band-Chorus
Second Annual Symphony Concert
Mid-Winter Concert — Grade and High School
Bands
Easter Fine Arts Concert — Art, Choral and Band
Depts.
Spring Concert
Baccalaureate and Graduation
Griffith High School Band Student Assembly —
guests of the MHS Band



BAND OFFICERS—BACK ROW: G. Campbell, Head Equipment Manager; C. Goebel, Freshman Representative; J. Goebel, President; R. Hilst, Assistant Equipment Manager; Mr. Baile, Director. **FRONT ROW:** D. Zimmerman, Assistant Secretary; C. Wright, Sophomore Representative; L. Loebach, Assistant Librarian; C. Sawlaw, Head Secretary; J. Jordal, Head Librarian.

FOURTH ROW: R. Keyt, P. Schmidt, Y. Sondgeroth, J. Vogelsang, Mr. Baile, C. Goebel, J. Goebel, D. Von Drehle, C. Zinke, R. Weitzel, C. Ciorba, R. Hilst, R. Walton, R. Fischer, K. Scheidenhelm, G. Tower, M. Olson; **THIRD ROW:** N. Rich, P. Donahue, C. Zimmerman, R. Eggers, R. Setchell, B. Schnuckel, M. Moss, L. Schlesinger, M. Olson, D. Kettleborough, R. Keefe, B. Williams, K. Ehlers; **SECOND ROW:** C. Faulk, J. Forth, R. Kutter, E. Mitchell, C. Burley, G. Campbell, L. Beetz, M. Hinkle, C. Wright; **FRONT ROW:** S. Reeser, S. Sondgeroth, A. Tolan, S. Lorimor, L. Loebach, C. Scheidenhelm, J. Jordal.



Instrumental contest groups

1—CLARINET QUARTET

District-Superior

B. Gordon, C. Nelson, C. Koerper; ABSENT: J. Engle.

2—DRUM QUARTET

District-Superior

T. Dawes, D. Ultch, G. Smith, T. Schmidt.

3—FRENCH HORN QUARTET

District-Superior

C. Burley, G. Campbell, L. Beetz, C. Wright.

4—FLUTE QUARTET

District-Superior

A. Tolan, M. Campbell, C. Archer, S. Sondgeroth.

5—SAXOPHONE QUARTET

District-Excellent

S. Blotch, D. Stamberger, G. Moss, C. Andrews.

6—CORNET TRIO

District-Superior

R. Keeffe, B. Williams, K. Ehlers.



10—WOODWIND TRIO
District-Superior
C. Walton, D. Zimmerman, J. Jordal.

11—BASSOON DUET
District-Superior
C. Faulk, J. Forth.

12—BRASS SEXTET 2
District-Excellent
BACK ROW: C. Burley, R. Keyt, M. Moss; FRONT ROW: M. Olson, C. Zinke, M. Olson.

13—BRASS SEXTET 1
District-Excellent
BACK ROW: R. Hilst, J. Goebel, B. Schnuckel, G. Campbell;
FRONT ROW: D. Kettleborough, R. Keefe.

14—SOLOISTS
District-Superior
Ehlers, Ciorba, Keyt, Walton, Wright, Ultch
District-Excellent
Schmidt, Moss
Did Not Attend
Goebel, Williams
BACK ROW: K. Ehlers, (Cornet); C. Ciorba, (Trombone); J. Goebel, (Tuba); R. Keyt, (Tuba); R. Walton, (Trombone); FRONT ROW: T. Schmidt, (Timpani); C. Wright, (French Horn); M. Moss, (Baritone); D. Ultch, (Snare Drum); B. Williams, (Cornet).

15—SOLOISTS
District-Superior
Andrews, Campbell, Heidmann, Zimmerman, Forth
District-Excellent
Walton, Rider, Tower, Loebach, Kuehl
District-Good
Lau
Did not attend—Archer
BACK ROW: M. Lau, (Piano); C. Andrews, (Alto Saxophone); C. Archer, (Flute); C. Walton, (Clarinet); M. Campbell, (Flute); B. Rider, (Alto Saxophone); M. Heidmann, (Piano); FRONT ROW: A. Tower, (Clarinet); D. Zimmerman, (Flute); L. Loebach, (Oboe); A. Kuehl, (Bass Clarinet); J. Forth, (Bassoon).

7—WOODWIND QUINTET
District-Excellent
BACK: C. Sawlaw, L. Beetz, J. Jordal; FRONT: A. Tower, C. Faulk.

8—MIXED CLARINET QUARTET
District-Excellent
L. Ladenburger, G. Momeny, A. Kuehl; ABSENT: J. Engle.

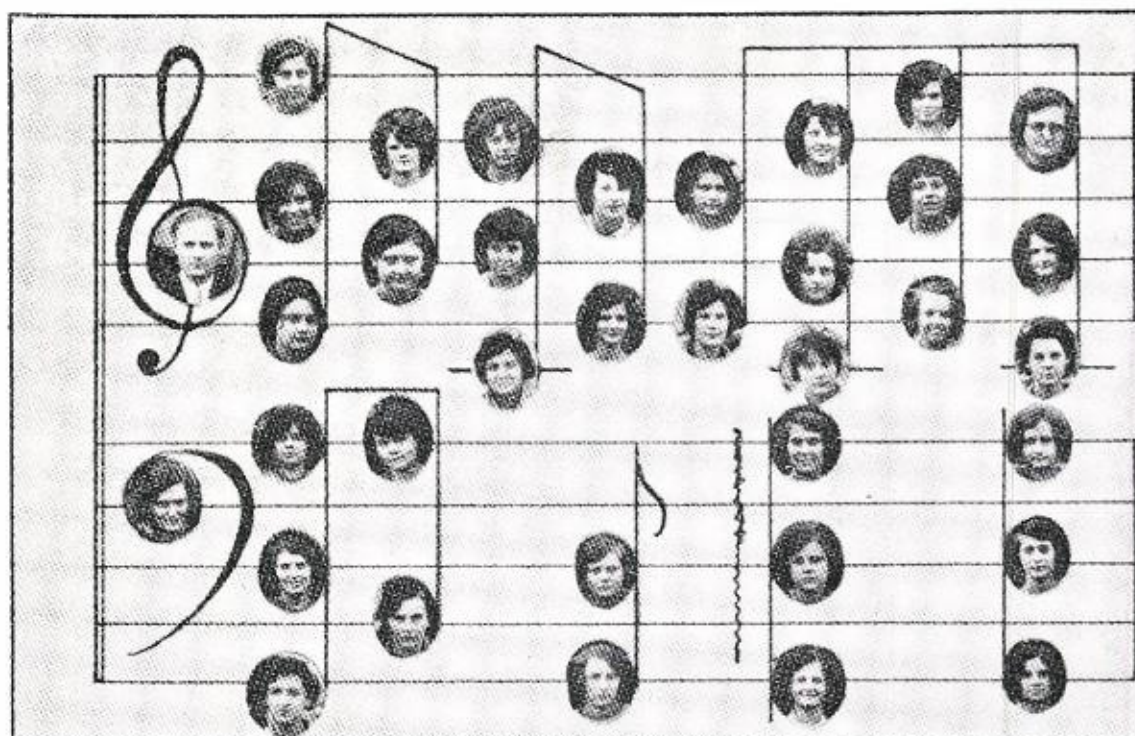
9—TROMBONE QUARTET
District-Superior
R. Walton, C. Zinke, C. Ciorba, R. Hilst.



Vocal music history



ACCORDING to the 1933 Atodnem, Mendota High School had its first mixed chorus that year under the direction of Mr. Harlan Peithman, who came to Mendota in 1929. In 1933 the girls' chorus and boys' chorus were also doing excellent work. The mixed chorus and the boys' chorus took firsts in the sub-district, district, and state contests of the Illinois Music and Literary Society. Robert Pohl also attained a first at the state contest as a baritone soloist. Mendota received the "Governor's Cup" in '33 for winning the highest number of points in music and literary contest work. This same year the orchestra and choruses presented



THE 1931 ATODNEM used this unusual treatment to show the membership of Mr. Peithman's Girls' Glee Club. The group presented the operetta, "The Feast of the Red Corn", and also won first at Sub-District Contest.



ABOVE IS PICTURED the Girls' Glee Club from the 1919. Members were not identified. The director was Alma Schuetz.

GIRLS' SEXTET THAT WENT TO NATIONAL—BACK ROW: Kathryn Kramer Butler, accompanist, Roberta Woolley Politsch, Mr. Fisher, Louise Wagner Krisko, Betty Kessinger Hinkle; **FRONT ROW:** June Fischer Martins, Mildred Selby Canepa, Katherine Degenhardt McNamarra.



the operetta, "Oh, Doctor".

The depression years were golden years for Mendota vocal music under Mr. Peithman, who is now head of the Music department at Illinois State University at Normal, yet there was lots of good musical activity in the "Roaring Twenties" and before. In 1918 and the early twenties Alma Schuetz (Reck) was music director. She reports that there were classes in sight-singing and harmony as well as chorus classes and that while she was at MHS the faculty presented a minstrel show for the students. In 1919 there were 75 students in music activities which also included an orchestra of 16 and a girls' glee club of 10. Most rehearsals were held after school and evenings.

In 1920 the big thing was the musical comedy, "Katcha Koo," with a cast of 75. Audiences at three performances (including a matinee) applauded Harry Potter as the "Maharajah of Hunga," an "East Indian Romeo," with more wives than he knew what to do with. In 1922 Miss B. Nicholas had a girls' chorus of 39 and a boys' chorus of 16, including a handsome senior quartette pictured elsewhere in this volume (showing styles of men's clothing). In the late twenties music was directed by Mr. Tuleen, Mr. Procknow, and Mr. Kenneth Lewis.

In 1938 Mr. Stanley Fisher's boys', girls', and mixed choruses all placed first at the district contest and went on to the state contest. Pictured to the left is the 1939 girls' sextet which won their way to the national music contest. Neither before or since has such a group gone to National. Principal M. E. Steele drove the group to Anderson, Indiana. The sextet was made up of Mildred Selby (Canepa), who is Mr. Price's secretary in 1961, Betty Kessinger (Hinkle), Roberta Woolley (Politsch), Louise Wagner (Krisko), Kathryn Degenhardt (McNamarra), and June Fischer (Martins).

Mr. Fisher was followed by William Pierce in 1942, by Charles O'May in 1946, and Earnest Slick in 1950. Doris Ayres taught chorus in 1956, and in more recent years Mr. Eben Campbell and Deverne Coleman, who preceded Mr. William Chapman, have helped to build Mendota High School vocal music to its present high standards of performance.



The Girls' Barbershop octet rang out with "Oh, Baby Mine" and "A Good Man is Hard to Find."

Winter Holiday Candids

1—Pat Kretz took center stage singing, "Everything's Coming up Roses."

2—The Teen-tones, D. Clinite, D. K. Miller, D. Dilbeck, and K. Althaus entertained the audience with "Brush Up Your Shakespeare," from Kiss Me Kate.

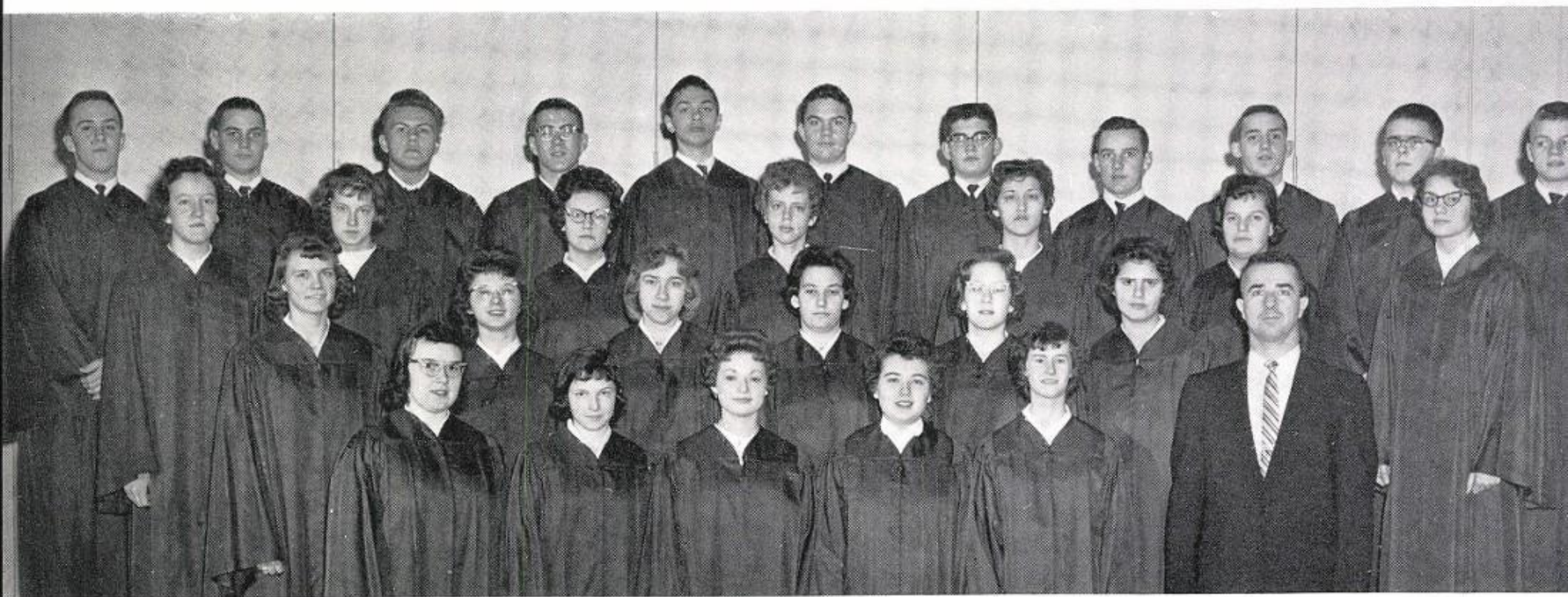
3—Shirley Sondgeroth did a wonderful job with "So In Love."

4—Leslie Beetz and Gerald Swope sang the love duet, "Wonderbar."

5—Sue Schammel and Diane Virgil harmonized beautifully in their duet, "Gonna Get Along Without You Now."

6—The Four Teens, E. Smith, B. Trout, E. Steele, and S. Erwin sang two songs, "Yours" and "Softly as in a Morning Sunrise."





MIXED CHORUS — BACK ROW: J. Musick, R. Tastad, G. Fountain, M. Beardsley, J. Bentley, L. Schoidenhelm, W. Wheeler, G. Richey, D. Baker, M. Schmidt, J. Cassidy; THIRD ROW: M. Marshall, J. Menzel, B. Despain, M. Stuber, M. Simpson, J. Stremlau, S. Wilson; SECOND ROW: L. Worsley, E. Smith, M. Vickrey, E. Steele, P. Chandler, C. Daw, Mr. Chapman; FRONT ROW: S. Poisel, J. Eich, K. Rogers, A. Druen, C. Clinite; ABSENT: K. Piller.

Vocal music

FOR THE FIRST time the Vocal Music Department was able to have two choruses of mixed voices. This year the Mixed Chorus became the preparatory chorus for freshmen and sophomores. The advanced and more select group has been designated as the Choir and they have distinguished themselves in concerts and programs with their fine a capella singing. A small but hard-working Girls' Chorus of freshmen brought the total departmental enrollment up to one hundred fifteen.

The annual variety show, "Winter Holiday," cleared \$190 for the chorus fund. The Choir was able, with the help of the Board of Education, to purchase new pennant collars of reversible old-gold and silver-blue. The

top ticket salesmen for the variety show received free tickets to Evanston High School's production of "The King & I". Twenty-four students and parents greatly enjoyed this trip to Evanston.

In addition to contest work, many ensembles performed for clubs and organizations in Mendota and neighboring towns. Two of the most active groups were the freshman girls' quartet, called the "Four-Teens", and the "Teen-Tones", a barbershop quartet composed of Keith Althaus, Doug Miller, Dave Dilbeck, and Dick Clinite.

The choruses and Choir made excellent progress this year under the leadership of Mr. Chapman and made a fine contribution to the musical and cultural life of the school and community.

GIRLS' CHORUS — BACK ROW: C. Garrison, S. Erwin, N. Olson, P. Tower, M. Klinefelter, D. Yost, P. Mathesius; CENTER ROW: L. Bunton, B. Trout, B. Yohn, A. Pessley, K. Starks, Mr. Chapman; FRONT ROW: J. Baker, S. Schultz, K. Miller.



CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Choir Exchange Party with Ottawa at Mendota, November 8

N.C.I.C. Music Festival at Dixon, November 19

Annual Thanksgiving Assembly, November 23

Fifth Annual Christmas Concert, December 13

Christmas Student Assembly, December 22

All-State Music Activity, February 3, 4

"Winter Holiday", Variety Show, February 13

"Winter Holiday", Student Assembly, February 20

Easter Fine Arts Festival and Concert, March 19

Easter Student Assembly, March 24

Youth Choir, Holy Week Service, March 29

District Solo & Ensemble Contest, April 15

State Solo & Ensemble Contest, May 6

Spring Choral Concert, May 19

Annual Music Awards Assembly, May 26

Baccalaureate, May 28

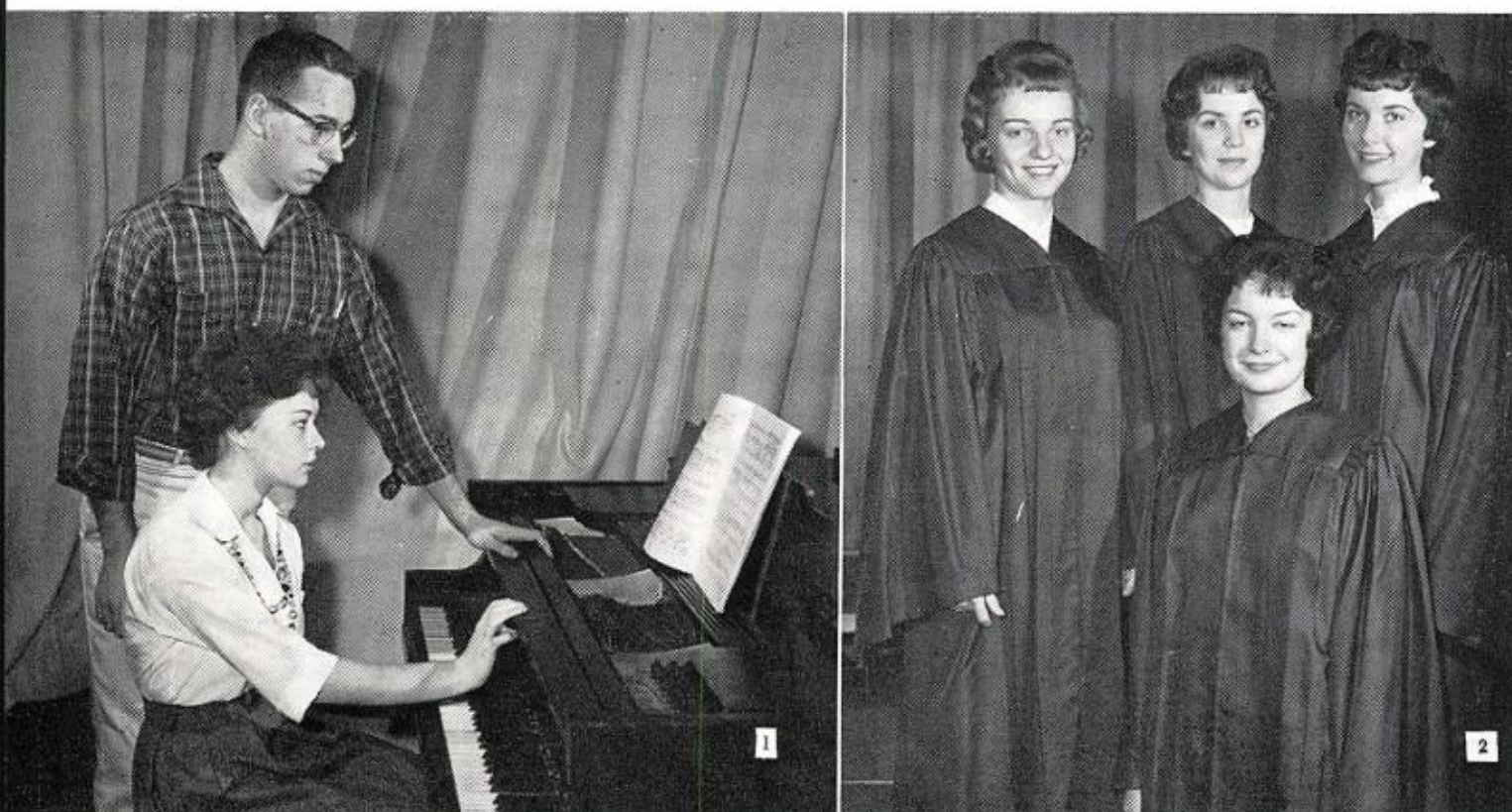
Commencement, June 2



SELECT CHOIR OFFICERS—STANDING LEFT: J. Jones, secretary-treasurer, K. Althaus, president, D. Virgil, vice-president; MIXED CHOIR OFFICERS—SEATED CENTER: J. Stremlau, president, J. Musick, vice-president, ABSENT: K. Piller, secretary-treasurer; GIRLS' CHORUS OFFICERS—SEATED RIGHT: L. Bunton, secretary-treasurer, K. Miller, librarian, S. Erwin, president.

CHOIR — BACK ROW: R. Jacob, K. Howardson, C. Betz, K. Althaus, D. Clinite, R. Menzel, D. K. Miller, R. Childers, R. Rebholz, J. Swope, J. Piccatto, B. Moon, R. Heinzeroth, L. Stamberger, Mr. Chapman; FOURTH ROW: J. O'Sadnick, S. Schammel, N. Gallagher, R. Derick, K. Walker, J. Walters, J. Engle, J. Reeder, R. Elsesser, B. Sonntag, L. Beetz, C. Neff, B. Zimmerlein, L. Nowicki; THIRD ROW: J. Jones, R. Gullion, K. Schofield, K. Nurnberg, N. Jacob, B. Price, B. Gresiwc, C. Clark, P. Kretz, J. Baker, J. Johns, N. Guilfoyle, A. Althaus; SECOND ROW: D. Virgil, S. Sondgeroth, M. Lau, A. Beetz, J. Kemper, S. Cook, M. Mathesius, K. Smith, B. Kessler, D. Sondgeroth, A. Tower, B. Glaser; FIRST ROW: N. Sondgeroth, T. Poisel, K. Corrigan, K. Handley, J. Auchstetter, J. Fenwick, B. Gray, J. Powers, M. Weiler, R. A. Maus; ABSENT: S. Marko, D. Dilbeck, D. Gillette, L. Mathesius, J. Trout.





Vocal contest groups

1—PIANO SOLOISTS
District-Superior
Mark Heidmann
District-Good
Marlene Lau

1—ACCOMPANISTS
M. Heidmann, M. Lau; ABSENT: J. Engle.

2—SENIOR GIRLS' QUARTET
District-Excellent
B. Glaser, A. Althaus, K. Schofield, C. Clark.

3—BOYS' SEXET
District-Superior
BACK ROW: C. Betz, R. Menzel, G. Swope, B. Moon; FRONT
ROW: L. Bunton (replaced by J. Trout), D. Dilbeck.

4—GIRLS' ADVANCED OCTET
District-Excellent
BACK ROW: B. Gray (replaced by J. Stremlau), B. Sonntag,
R. Elsesser, R. Maus; FRONT ROW: S. Cook, P. Kretz; ABSENT:
J. Engle, S. Schammel.



5—GIRLS' OCTET
District-Good

BACK ROW: B. Trout, K. Starks, S. Erwin, M. Klinefelter, E. Smith; FRONT ROW: A. Druen, E. Steele, S. Schultz.

6—MIXED OCTET
District-Good

BACK ROW: K. Smith, R. Heinzeroth (replaced by J. Cassidy) W. Wheeler, T. Poisel; FRONT ROW: L. Stam-berger, L. Mathesius, S. Marko (these three replaced by J. Musick, M. Beardsley, A. Beetz), J. Fenwick

7—FRESHMAN BOYS' OCTET
District-Excellent

BACK ROW: J. Cassidy, M. Beardsley, L. Scheidenhelm, W. Wheeler, J. Musick; FRONT ROW: R. Tastad, D. Baker, M. Schmidt.

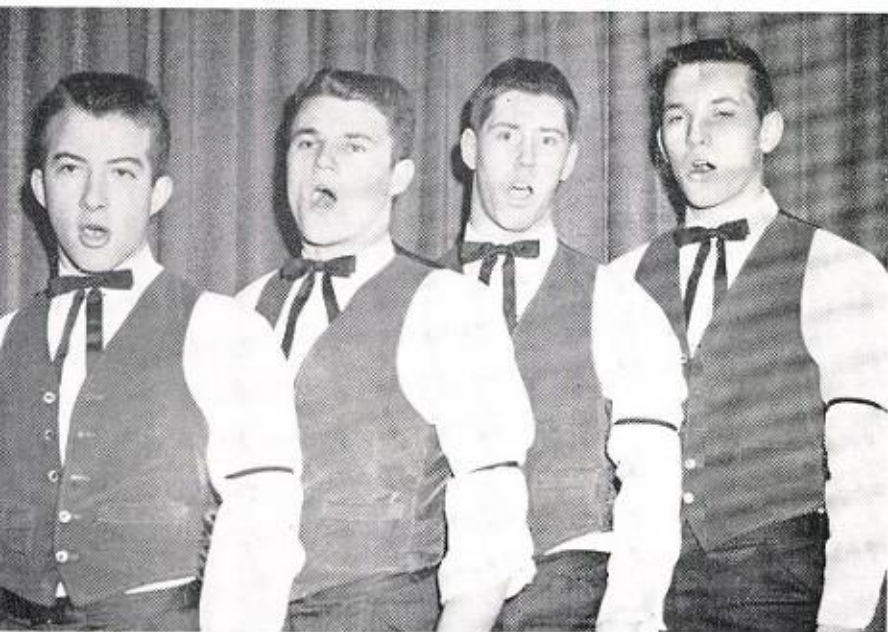
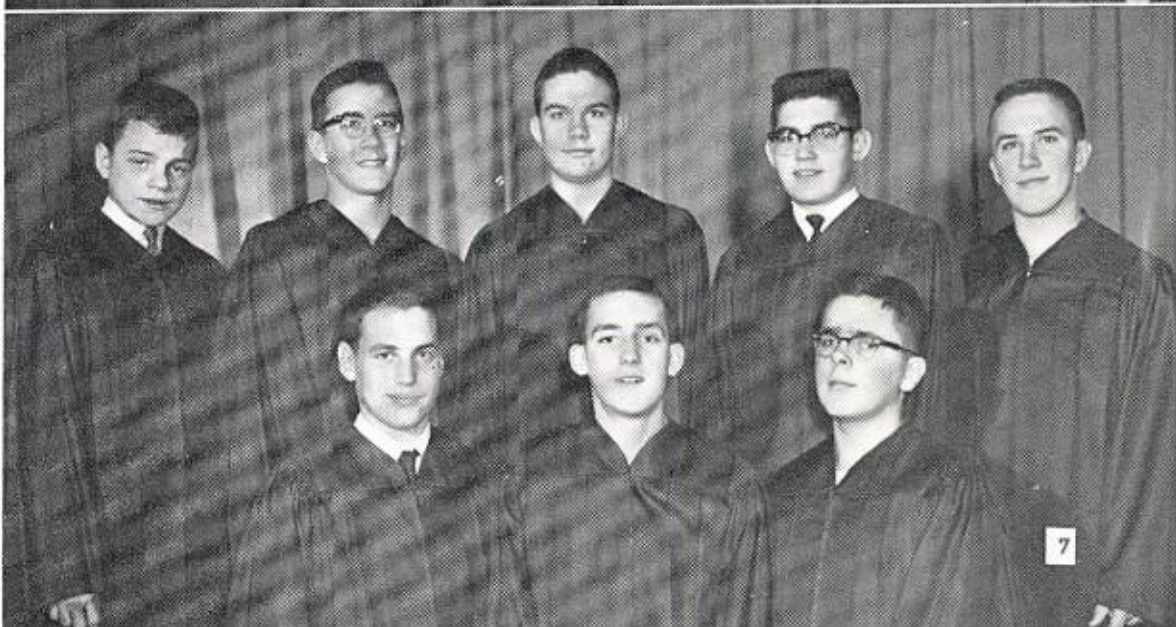
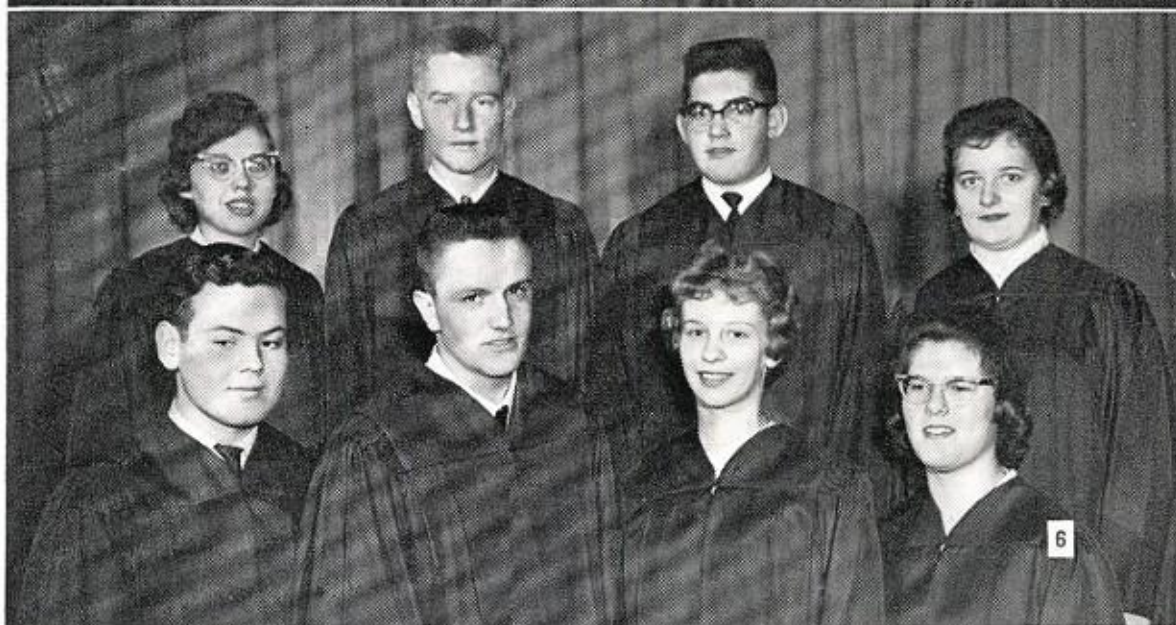
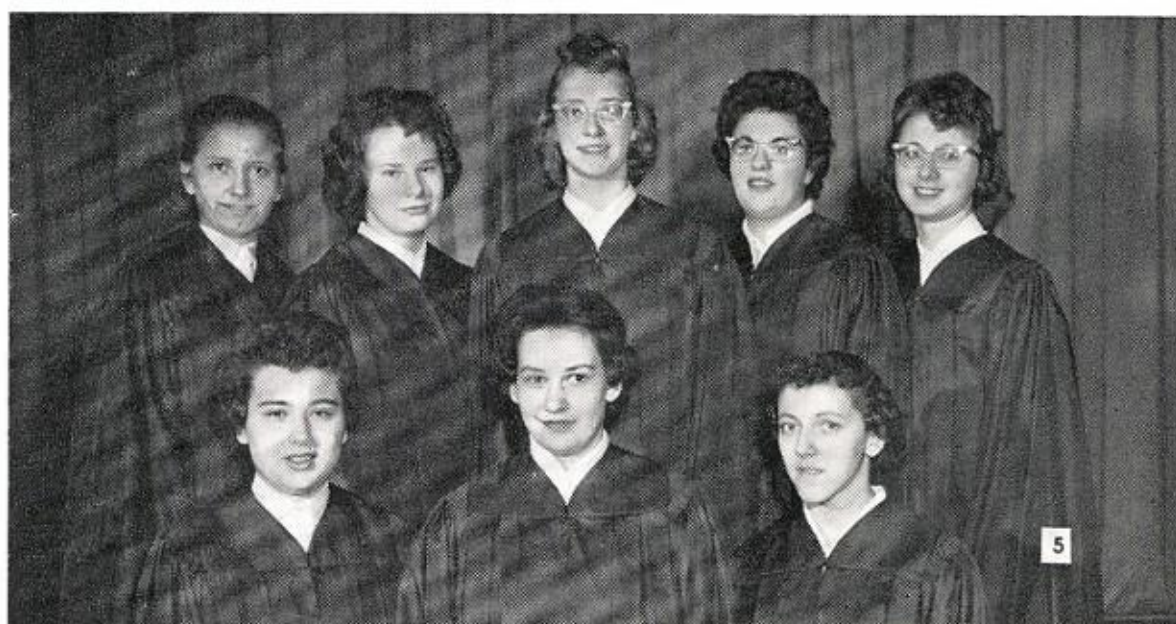
8—ADVANCED MIXED OCTET
District-Superior

BACK ROW: R. Menzel, R. Childers, R. Rebholz, R. Jacob; FRONT ROW: D. Virgil, N. Jacob (replaced by S. Marko), L. Beetz, S. Sondgeroth.

BOYS' BARBERSHOP QUARTET
District-Excellent

D. Dilbeck, K. Althaus, D. Clinite, D. K. Miller.

ENSEMBLE MEMBERS who also performed as soloists were Sue Schammel, Shirley Sondgeroth—high voice; Teresa Poisel, Janet Engle—medium voice; and Joanne Fenwick, Leslie Beetz—low voice; Dick Clinite, Charles Betz—high voice; Don Baker, Bob Moon—medium voice; and Keith Althaus, Ray Rebholz—low voice. At District, J. Engle and S. Sondgeroth received a Superior rating; J. Fenwick received Good; all others received an Excellent rating.



Girls' Athletic Association



IN 1922-23 the Girls Athletic Association was formed for the purpose of furthering all girls' athletics in the high school. This new organization took the place of the old GAA which was made up of all girls purchasing athletic tickets and which had no special purpose other than support of the school teams.

Helen Hoerner was chosen president and Miss Fickes was the advisor. No other officers were chosen except sports leaders. The sports engaged in were soccer, basketball, baseball, and hiking.

A carefully planned point system provided many different ways for a girl to participate in athletic activities and earn her school letter. Any girl earning one thousand or more points during her high school career received a school letter.

Funds were raised by selling candy in the halls at noon and at the games.

THE GIRLS' ATHLETIC Association is to stimulate an interest and participation in girls' sports. The main requirement for membership is to earn twenty-four points. These points are made by participation in various sports. The membership reached an all time high this year of one hundred and sixty members.

The first event of the year was the annual picnic held at Lake Mendota. The GAA float, "H'Anchoring for Victory", received third place in the Homecoming parade. The conference play day at Dixon was attended by ten local members.

The high light of the year was the Heart-Sister Banquet. New members suffered through the informal initiation. They were formally initiated at the Heart-Sister Banquet held on February 14 at the Antlers room at the Elks. The women of the faculty were our honored guests. When seating of all guests was completed, each member found out the identity of her secret heart-sister. Entertainment was provided by the Teen-Tones from MHS. Guest speakers were Mrs. John Westerman and Mrs. Ted Lewis who spoke on interscholastic basketball for girls in Iowa. The initiation was completed by candle-light.

The freshmen and sophomores sponsored the annual play day for next year's incoming freshmen.

The formal activities of GAA were concluded with the Parent Tea held on May 2. Awards were presented to members earning the required points. Officers for the ensuing school year took their oath of office at this time.

A new money-making project of selling Christmas trees was begun this year. The nights were long and cold, but the project was very successful. Other money-making projects included the selling of book covers and GAA sweatshirts.

The sports played this year included hockey, bowling, basketball, swimming, ice-skating, volleyball, tumbling, softball, and, for the first time, badminton. Swimming was done at the indoor pool in Oglesby, and bowling was done at the Bowl Air.

GAA BOARD—BACK ROW: L. Beetz, dance manager; B. Sonntag, vice president; L. Miller, softball manager; C. Johnson, swimming manager; M. Lipke, basketball manager; J. Walter, tumbling manager; R. Keefe, secretary-treasurer; SECOND ROW: S. Wilson, skating manager; C. Faulk, point chairman; S. Marko, badminton manager; A. Kuehl, basketball manager; C. Neff, social chairman; J. Simpson, volleyball manager; FIRST ROW: M. Dubbs, bowling manager, Jr.-Sr.; S. Schiefelbein, president; J. Stremlau, bowling manager, Fr.-Soph.; J. Baker, volleyball manager; S. Blotch, hockey manager; Miss Moore, advisor.



TOP PANEL—BACK ROW: K. Althaus, M. Leiser, C. Faulk, J. Simpson, K. Walker, C. Scheidenhelm, L. Beetz, J. Walter, C. Walton, R. Engels, M. Lipke, J. Terry, M. Metzen, J. Forth; H. Williams, J. Wells, B. Price; THIRD ROW: A. Beetz, N. Guilfoyle, C. Foster, J. Johns, C. Harris, E. Vergin, C. Nelson, S. Masear, L. Fischer, C. Yohn, J. Stremlau, M. Cotton, M. Klinefelter, M. Stuber; SECOND ROW: M. Gehant, P. Ambler, K. Stauth, K. Corrigan, A. Althaus, V. Pfoiffer, B. Pfoiffer, M. Christensen, S. Klein, C. Burley, S. Carlson, J. Auchstetter, C. Wright; FIRST ROW: S. Hamann, L. Ladenburger, S. Snyder, C. Radtke, C. Phalen, R. Yohn, P. Parsons, Y. Sondgeroth, J. Frey, N. Barrett.

CENTER PANEL—BACK ROW: C. Donahue, J. Hanson, K. Ehlers, B. Metzen, R. Keefe, S. Marko, B. Sonntag, L. Miller, D. Jackson, M. Smith, N. Gallagher, B. Whitmore, R. Elsesser, A. Kuehl, S. Reeser, N. Olson; THIRD ROW: M. Dubbs, J. O'Sadnick, M. Campbell, M. Davis, K. Schofield, K. Nurnberg, N. Jacob, C. Clark, K. Ekstrom, S. Barbre, S. Cook, C. Koerper, J. Loise; SECOND ROW: S. Stauth, D. Virgil, C. Sawlaw, D. Smith, C. Zimmerman, S. Kerchner, K. Montavon, J. Walzer, J. Jordal, S. Schiefelboin, S. Blotch, P. Mann, S. Wehmeyer, N. Eich; FIRST ROW: J. Baker, N. Rich, R. Kazlowski, C. Kreiser, B. Sheridan, C. Knopp, P. Masear, K. Kostouros, K. Goebel, R. Bickett, B. Ashcraft.

BOTTOM PANEL—BACK ROW: J. Menzel, E. Mitchell, L. Michel, R. Rollins, L. Nowicki, C. Schmitz, J. Engles, C. Johnson, J. Reeder, S. Worsley, C. Neff, C. Zinke, P. Kretz, S. Wilson, B. Harmon; THIRD ROW: D. Zimmerman, J. Baker, M. Lau, M. Eich, C. Andrews, G. Momeny, M. Springer, J. Huss, P. Maher, R. Schwemlein, S. Garrison, A. Tower, K. Price, K. Corrigan; SECOND ROW: E. Hopps, D. Sondgeroth, K. Starks, P. Chandler, S. Poisel, J. Ellis, J. Norris, S. Mahar, M. Frey, B. Weber, A. Tolan; FIRST ROW: C. Miller, P. Gillette, B. Kessinger, L. Bunton, B. Booth, S. Kettleborough, A. Setchell, A. Possley, J. Biers, B. Carlson.



The old and new in girls' athletics



AS TIMES change so do girls' athletics.

The first outfits to be worn by girls in athletics were black bloomer pants with sweaters or, later, white middie blouses. Also a hat was sometimes worn. In contrast today we wear blue sleeveless blouses with blue shorts.

In the old days long black stockings and high tennis shoes were worn. Today most girls wear ankle socks and low cut tennis shoes.

The sports have changed just as the clothing has throughout the years. The first sports included track, hiking, and basketball. Soccer and baseball were introduced in 1923. In 1927 hockey took the place of soccer. Track was dropped and picked up again in 1952. At intervals archery is revived.

As far back as 1923 the girls were having tournaments. Today we still have a class volleyball tournament. The sports were at first interscholastic. Today they are intramural, but competition is still keen and enthusiasm is high.



THE YEAR 1919 was a full one for the girls in athletics. In fact they played so much and so many different teams that their reputation was known all over the state as the "Never Slips" of Mendota Township High School. The "Never Slips" of 1919 won all their basketball games besides winning the championship of LaSalle County.

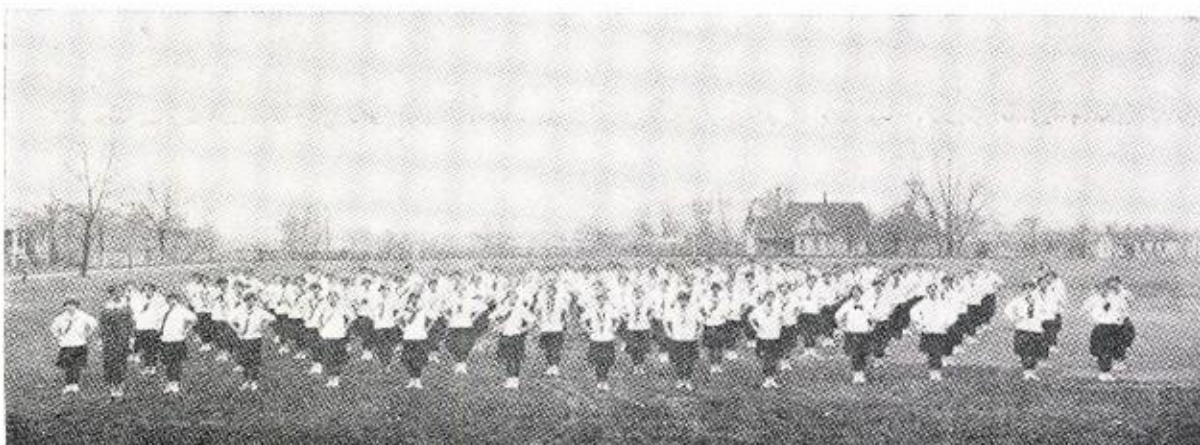


BASEBALL was introduced to girls in 1923. Though the game was entirely new to many, the practice season supplied much fun and developed some unexpected stars. The season ended with a game between the upperclassmen and lowerclassmen with the freshman-sophomore team victorious. The '24 book had this picture of the '23 champions: Margaret Rogers, Vietta Weigandt, Mae Deutche, Katherine Marmion, Bertha Wittgan, Ethel Rhea, Ella Theiss, Arlene Scheidenhelm, Christine Bettendorf, Bernita Kemp.

ALTHOUGH SOCCER was something new for MTHS in 1923, about fifty girls participated. The championship game was played between the sophomores and juniors. This game ended in a tie, 1-1, and due to bad weather it was never played off. The picture to the right shows the junior team of that year. Members were: Vera Rave, Capt., Marie Eckert, Myrtle McDonald, Bertha Zolper, Esther Miller, Gwendolyn Edwards, Isabel Billings, and Lula Blotch.

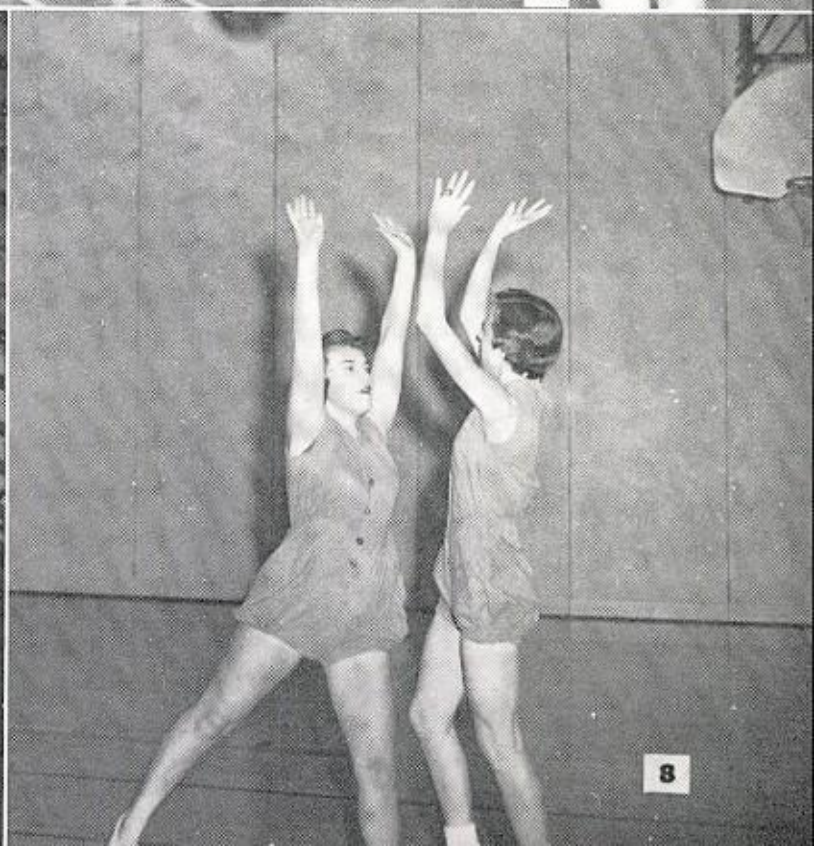
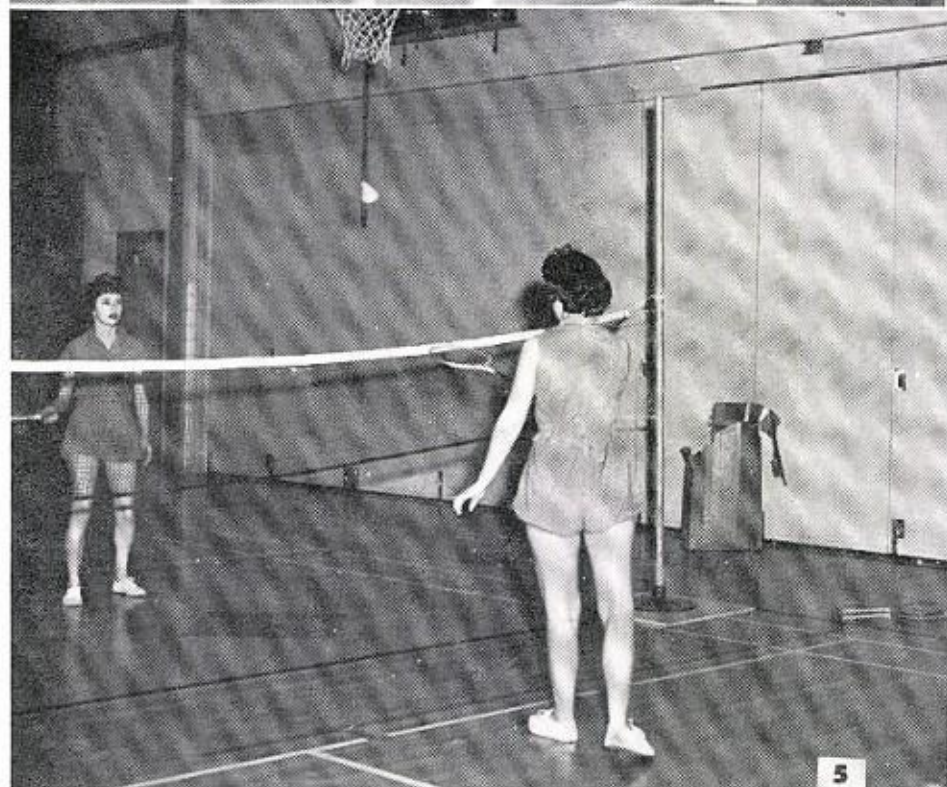


BELOW is a picture of the girls' gym class of 1925. Note the contrast between the outfits of then and now.



1960-61 ACTIVITIES

OPPOSITE PAGE: 1—Getting ready to eat at the Heart-Sister Banquet. 2—Miss Moore, Sandy, Betty, and Ruth at the Heart-Sister Banquet. 3—Confusion at Bowl-Air, but all strikes! 4—A cold evening of hockey. 5—Hit the birdie. 6—"Volley that ball, Sandy." 7—"Oh my stomach, Karyl!" 8—"What a team!" Dubbs and Blotch?





VARSIITY CHEERLEADERS—Judy Walter, Judy Simpson, Nancy Guilfoyle, and Janet Auchstetter.

Cheerleaders' enthusiasm inspired student body



THE CHEERLEADERS of the 1960-61 season did a remarkable job of putting variety and enthusiasm into the pep sessions this year. They followed up the team by filling the student body with excitement and eagerness to win each game. There were new cheers used, and some of the old ones were revised.

This year Judy Simpson was captain of the varsity cheerleaders. She has been a cheerleader for four years, Judy Walter, three years and one year as sub, Janet Auchstetter, two years and one year as sub, and Nancy Guilfoyle, three years.

The Fresh-Soph cheerleaders consisted of three freshmen, Sandy Kettleborough, Kristy Miller, and Barb Carlson, while Betty Booth, the captain, was a sophomore. These girls also did an extremely fine job in bringing out the spirit of the underclassmen.

Sponsors of the cheerleaders were Miss Moore and Miss Horsky.

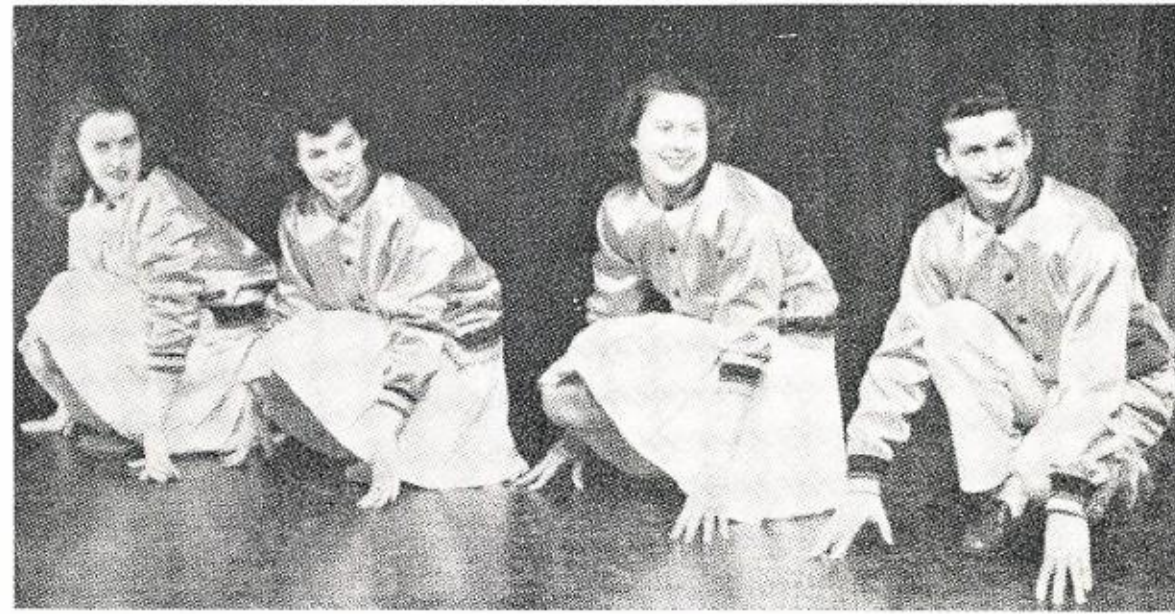
ON MENDOTA

On Mendota! On Mendota!
March right down that line.
Roll the ball around the fellows,
Touchdown (basket) every time,
(Yell) You rah, rah, rah.
On Mendota! On Mendota!
We must keep our fame.
Fight, fellows, fight, fight, fight.
We'll win this game.

VICTORY SONG

Cheer, cheer for Mendota High
Forever raise her name to the sky,
As our team goes marching by
Their motto never to say die.
What though the odds be great or
small,
Mendota High will win over all.
Keep your pep throughout each fight,
We're bound to come out all right.

FRESH-SOPH CHEERLEADERS—BACK: Sandy Kettleborough, Kristy Miller;
FRONT: Betty Booth, Barb Carlson.



REPRESENTATIVE of the many energetic cheerleading squads who through the years have kept student enthusiasm high and spurred teams to victory was the squad of 1946-'47. It consisted of, left to right, Pat Hochstatter, Louise Magnusson, Betty Brown, and Roger Butler. Roger took his interest in cheerleading with him to Harvard where he was a cheerleader for all four years.

FIRST MHS CHEERLEADERS—Richard McCray, Ruth Hoerner, Otto Sauer, and Paul Jacob. The first cheerleading squad was elected in the 1928-'29 year and consisted of three boys and one girl. Football games were played behind the school on Saturday afternoons while spectators stood along the sidelines. Basketball games in the first gym were enthusiastically supported, but seating space in the balcony was limited, and spectators sometimes sat on the stage.



Our orchestras used to flourish

MENDOTA HIGH SCHOOL produced orchestras before it did bands. The first group that we have a picture of is the 1919 orchestra in the YEARBOOK of that year. The personnel was: 1st violin, Fred Sauer, Robert Harkness, Wesley Niebergal, Artemus Yenerich, Fred Brown, Ralph Mehlbrech; 2nd violin: Reginald Henning, Juanita Morsch; Cello: Clara Powell; Flute: Ethelene Montavon; Cornet: Harold Collins; Trombone: R. E. Hoisington; Drums: LeRoy Faber; Piano: Lois Moore; Director: Alma K. Schuetz.

UNDER the direction of Harlan Peithman, both orchestras and bands were developed. This orchestra of 1931 expanded from forty pieces to a "baby symphony" of seventy members in one year. Faith Fitch was accompanist for this group and the glee club and won the right to go to state in piano solo.



The sports story of Mendota High



Florence Oettinger
—1911 All-American



OOTBALL, a sport which had a rough beginning in Mendota, has prospered and become the leading sport at MHS. Football in the early days was called a rowdy game; today it is one in which sportsmanship and hard play prevail. Mendota High School through the years has produced many stars, some of whom went on to distinguish themselves on college or professional teams or as coaches. Old grads remember Rich Stenger, George Guilfoyle, and Hub Crisler of the '16 team. Crisler, who played varsity football at the University of Chicago, was coach at Minnesota,

Princeton, and Michigan, where he is now Athletic Director.

Elmer Brown, '29, and Bob Neuman, '30, both played varsity football at Illinois Wesleyan. Bob played with the Chicago Cardinals for three seasons and then became head coach at Normal Community High where he is now Athletic Director.

Bill Gilkey, '36, Bruce McDonald, '37, and Glenn Harjes, '41, are among the Dewitz-coached athletes who have become coaches. Frank Seno, '41, while playing for MHS gained approximately 2700 yards carrying the ball. He scored not less than 50 points in any year and handled almost all of the team's passing and punting. After graduation he attended George Washington University where he was a varsity player for two years. He played professional football with the Washington Redskins, Chicago Cardinals, and Boston Yanks. While with the Cardinals he broke a National League record by taking a kick-off five yards behind his goal line and running all the way for a 105-yard touchdown.

From 1943 to '46, Harold Owens was coach. His best season was '46 when the Trojans tied for second place in the North Central Conference and won the Southwest Division of this conference. Outstanding players were Lamar Brewbaker, who piled up 138 points in nine games of this, his junior year, Jerry Walter right end, Donald Beitsch, center, and Bob Galloway, tackle. Jim Kettleborough, '46, now coach at Dixon, was another Owens-coached player.

In 1947 Ted Lewis came to Mendota as head football coach. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa and as a high school fullback received an All-State birth. Beginning with the 1949 season, his Trojans won eight consecutive championships in the Southwest Division of the North Central Conference. Under his coaching, many fine players have been developed who have gone on to star in college play. Since 1948, Joe Rollins has assisted as varsity line coach. Rollins also has a fine background, having won 4 football and 4 basketball letters at Millikin University where he was an All-Conference guard.

The number of Trojan letter winners and outstanding players is too long for all to be named. Those who received first string All-State births are: Walt Klinge, Bill Gehler, Ray Jauch, Jim Brown, Bill Brown, and Duane Stremmlau. Among those who have played college football are: John Bunton, Captain, Cornell, Ia.; Jim Brown, Illinois; Bill Brown, Captain, Illinois; Ken Gehler, Illinois; Bill Gardner, Captain, Cornell; Jerry Wood, Illinois; Harry Johnson, Cornell; Bill Gehler, Captain, Wisconsin; Ray Jauch, Captain, Rose Bowl, Iowa; Ed Peasley, Rose Bowl, Washington; Jerry Auchstetter, Captain, Western at Macomb; Walt Klinge, Michigan; Howie Becker, Iowa State Teachers; Fred Hanley, Purdue; Elwood Schlesinger, Bradley.

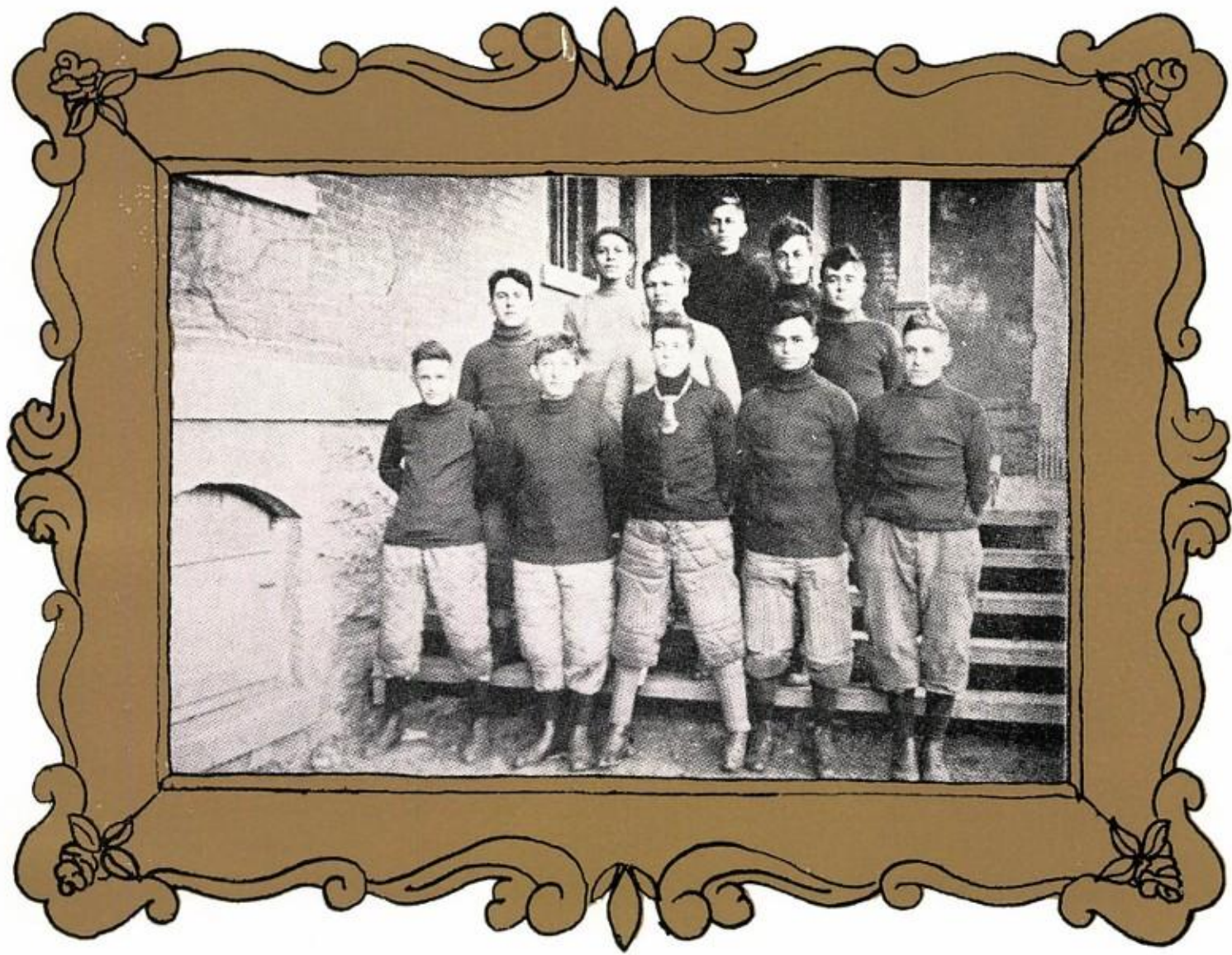


1916 FOOTBALL SQUAD—BACK ROW: Carl Althaus, Tracy Tower, Don Hartman, Coach, Clifford Tower, Henry Kohl; SECOND ROW: George Guilfoyle, Frank Van Etten, Richard Stenger, Don Tower, Herbert Crisler; FRONT ROW: Neil Holliston, Nick Coss. This is the team that won eight games and lost only one. They defeated Marseilles 108 to 0 and Streator 26 to 7.

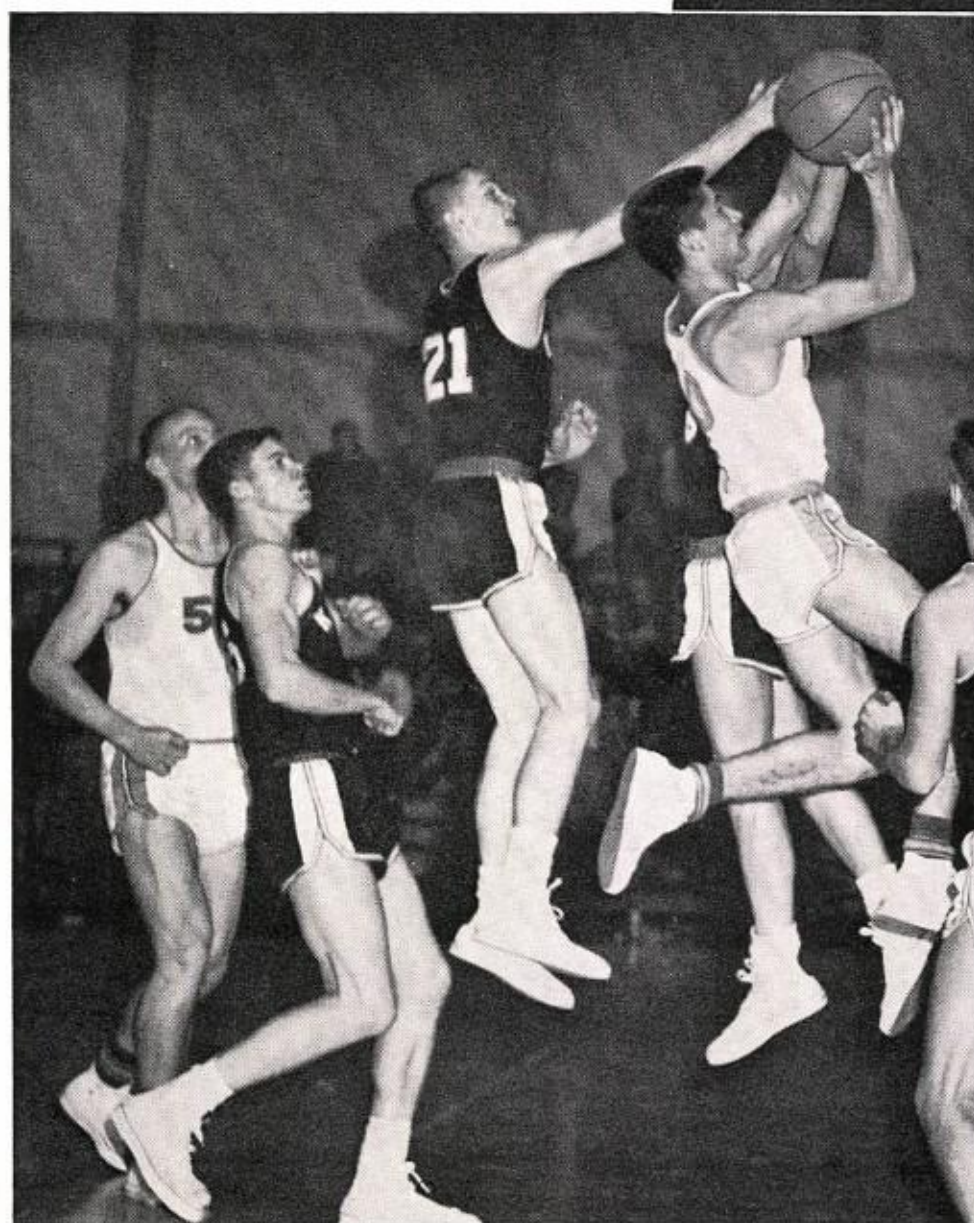


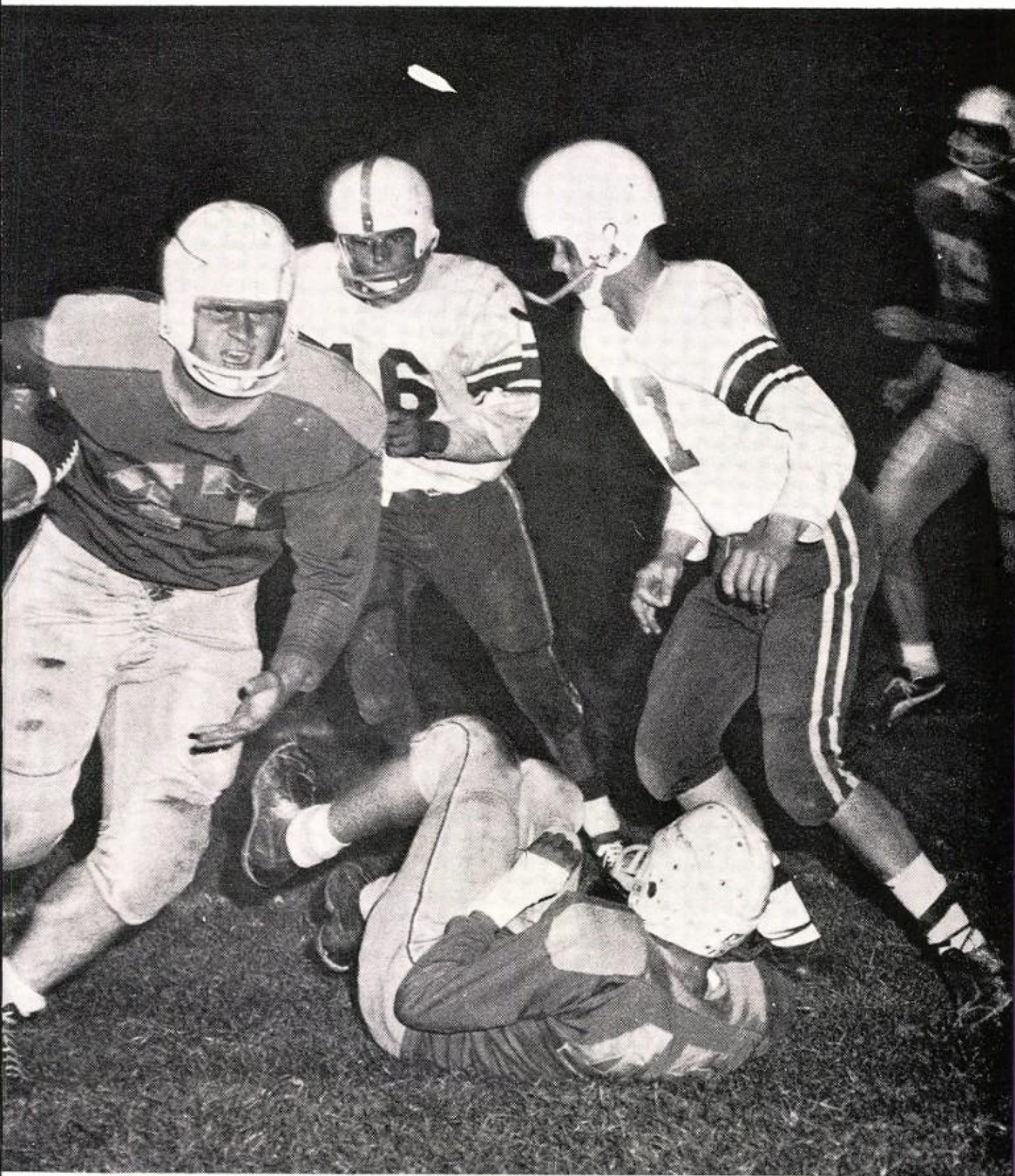
1918 FOOTBALL SQUAD—BACK ROW: Clarence Jack, Coach, Reed Sharp, Courtney Nieman, Bob Conkey, Ted Beister, LeRoy Faber, Herman Esterday, R. Hoisington, Coach; MIDDLE ROW: Harry Kaufman, Dean O'Neill, Glen Momeny, Roland Bates, August Wilhelm; FRONT ROW: Harry Potter, Jack Kaufman, Bob Cummings, Garland Schlager, Bill Gorman. This was Coach Jack's first year. Hopes for an outstanding season were dashed because of the "flu" epidemic which closed schools for weeks.

OPPOSITE PAGE—THE 1910 FOOTBALL TEAM—REAR: Forrest Fahler, THIRD ROW: Earl Henning, Leo Krausse; SECOND ROW: Elmer Feik, Julian Erbes, John Faber; FRONT ROW: Gilbert Schaller, Floyd Miller, Clarence Potter, Edward Alexander, Earl Keeler. The team ran into bad luck, played only one game, which it lost to Earlville, and bowed to the decision to drop football for the season.



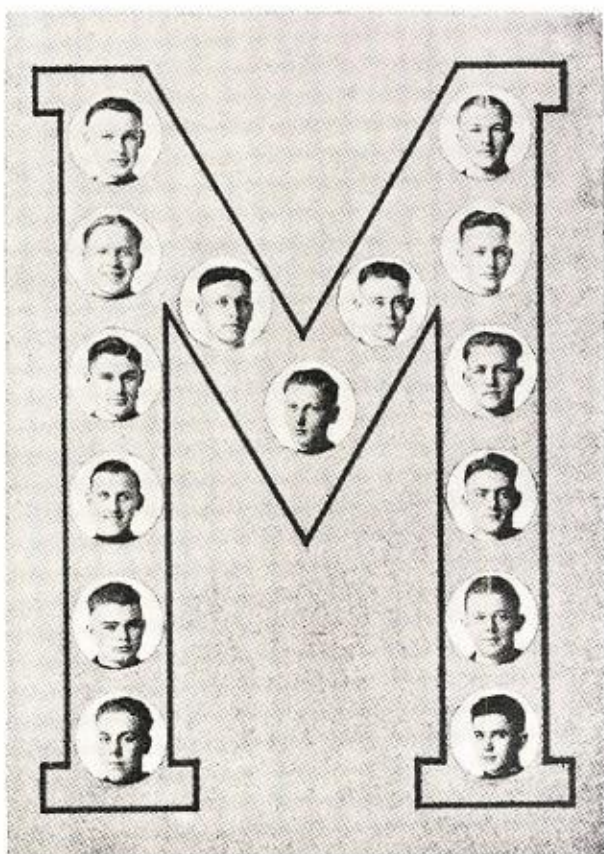
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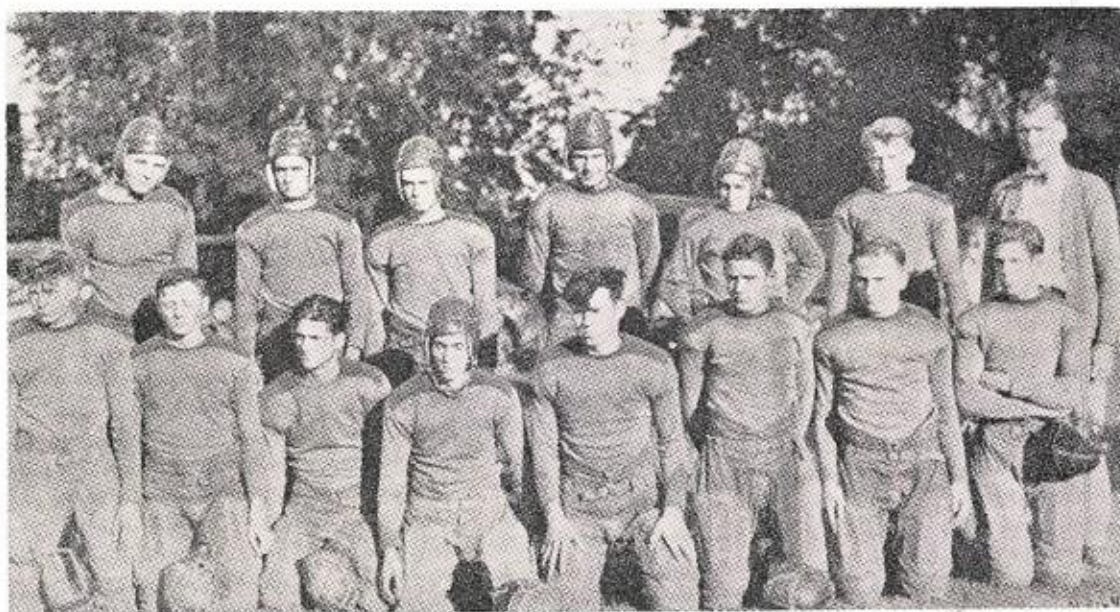
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Coaches Jack, Meyers, and Dewitz

THE 1920 FOOTBALL "M" MEN—STARTING AT LOWER LEFT: Dick Smith, Leo Guilfoyle, Gilbert Blotch, John Buck, Reginald Henning, Edward Boisdorf, Herman Esterday, Jim Knauer, Courtney Nieman, Art Maus, Harry Kaufman, Frank Spenader, Harry Potter, LeRoy (Boots) Faber, Steve Madden. Coach Jack's 1920 squad had only six regulars from the previous season. Nevertheless, the season's record was 5 wins against 4 losses. Mendota scored 207 points to their opponents' 137. Victories were over Galva (54-0), Princeton (40-0), Kewanee (22-7), Geneseo (19-7), and Ottawa (59-0). The team will long remember the Thanksgiving afternoon they played a vastly superior Normal University High team "which could be classed with small colleges." To quote from the 1921 "M" Yearbook, "The home boys fought a losing fight but never gave up although many of them were badly crippled." (Final score was Normal U.H. 63, Mendota 0.)

THE 1927 FOOTBALL SQUAD—BACK ROW: Harold Gillette, Burton Ferguson, Wesley Wright, Bob Neuman, James Boyle, James Dubbs, Henry Meyers, Coach; FRONT ROW: Leon Frey, Lloyd Richert, Ora Morehouse, Howard Cromwell, Elmer Brown, Captain, Albert Frederick, Harold Goebel, Charles Worsley. This was Coach Meyer's best season in point of games won. Victories were over Ottawa (13-0), Dixon (24-0), L-P (7-6), Mount Morris (32-0) and Chillicothe (13-0). It was the first year in which a team ever scored in every game played . . . and the first victory over LaSalle-Peru in ten years! Jim Dubbs led in the season's scoring with 30 points. James Boyle was second with 24 and Wesley Wright with 20.



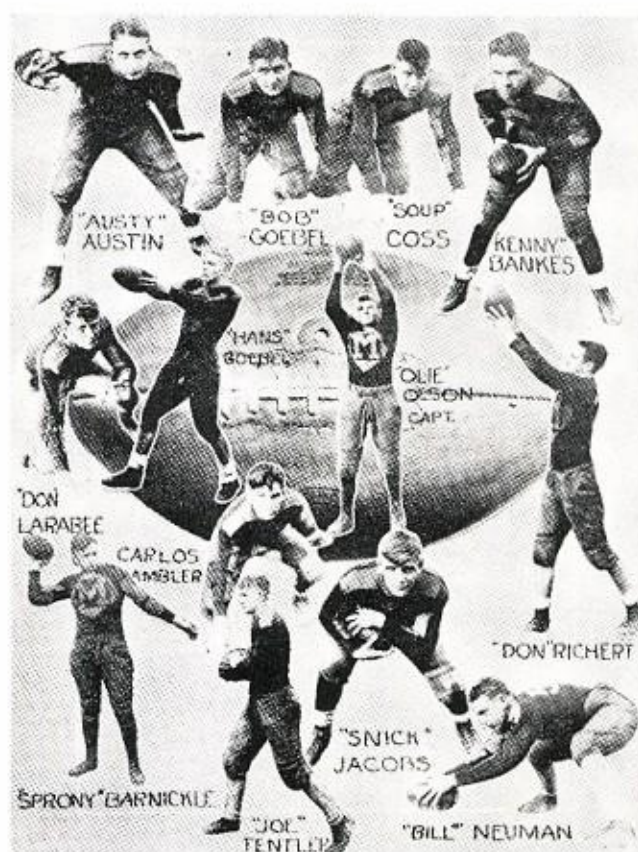
THE 1928 FOOTBALL SQUAD—BACK ROW: Coach Feller, Bob Neuman, "Betz" Frederick, Coach Dewitz, John Stouffer, "Bo" Brown, Rich Phalen; MIDDLE ROW: Harold Goebel, Erman Olson, John Goebel, Millard Coddington, Lewis Dewey, Delbert Lamb; BOTTOM ROW: Otto Kaminky, Joe Tentler, Bob Friedlein, Bill Neuman, Charles Ackley, Earl Gray-Mgr. . . This season showed Mendota scoring 278 points while their opponents scored only 25 points. They were the champs in the Rock River Conference and placed third in the I.V. Conference. This was a triumphant start for Coach Dewitz in his first year. Victories were over Dixon (54-0), Rochelle (27-0), La Salle-Peru (18-0), Princeton (33-0), La Moille (44-0) and Sheffield (20-6). Bob Neuman led the gridders in individual scoring, and Bo Brown was a tackle on Rocky Wolfe's 2nd All-State team.





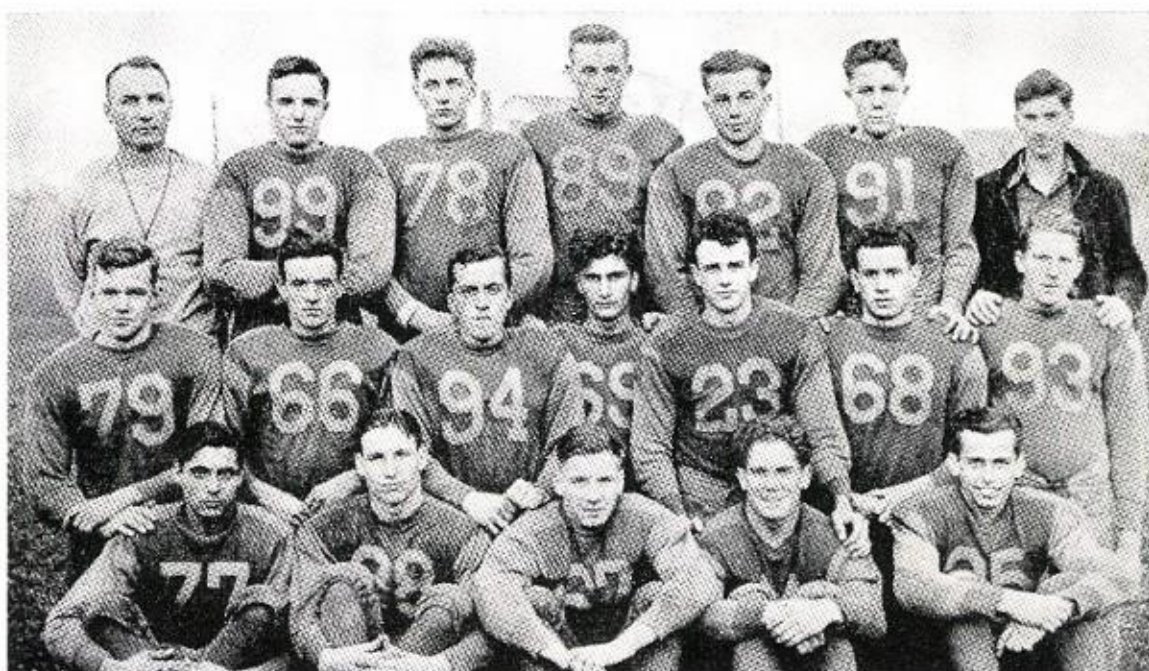
UFUS DEWITZ coached at Mendota High School for fourteen years, from the fall of 1928 through the 1941-'42 year. In these years football at Mendota rose to the major sport that it is today. Coach Dewitz, a graduate of the University of Nebraska where he was All-American, lost no time in building strong MHS teams. His first team in 1928 ended the season with an 8-1-1 record. The 1929 squad ended with 7 wins, no losses, and 2 ties. Mendota scored 175 points to their opponents' 14. (Depue and Princeton with 7 points each were the only teams to score on Mendota that season.)

Coach Dewitz's overall record while at Mendota was 69 wins, 37 losses, and 14 ties, not counting the '31 season for which we have no record since a yearbook was not printed in '32. When he left MHS, Mr. Dewitz went to St. Charles, Illinois, where he remained as coach until his retirement recently.



THE PICTURE to the right shows the letter winners of the 1930 squad. The team finished the season with 6 wins, 1 loss, and 1 tie. Mendota scored 159 points to their opponents' 49.

THE 1936 FOOTBALL TEAM—BACK ROW: Coach Dewitz, Art McIntyre, Ray Ranney, Donald Guilfoyle, Kenneth Spitz, Allan Knauer, John Rutishauser, Mgr.; CENTER ROW: Irwin Dial, Robert Hickok, Clarence Worsley, Abie Shapiro, Bill Marmion, Bruce McDonald, Frank Becket; FRONT ROW: Allen McClenthen, Robert Kaufman, Donald Salander, Richard Gebhart, Robert Gilman. Good team work and deception were the main standpoints of a team that was light and not exceptionally fast. There are some discrepancies in the 1937 Atodnem write up, but the record seems to have been five wins, two losses, one tie with a total of 128 points to the opponents' 60. Victories were recorded over Princeton (18-0), Amboy (19-7), Rochelle (25-12), Belvidere (39-0), and Depue (7-6). The Marmion to McDonald pass combination was a noted factor in the season's story.



THE 1940 FOOTBALL SQUAD—BACK ROW: Delbert Holland, Clifford Bauer, Bruce Munson, Bernard Coss, Alan Munson, Bill Schmitt, Bob Preston, Paul Hochstatter; CENTER ROW: Jack Trout, mgr., Elwood Pedersen, Jim Besenfelder, Thomas Lane, Jerome Dubbs, Dale Kromm, Robert Faber, Donnell McConville, Coach Dewitz; FRONT ROW: Dennis Edwards, Art Brown, Wayne Spenader, Robert Krenz, Glenn Harjes, Frank Seno, Charles Gesslein, Howard Kreiser; LEFT INSERT: Robert Larkin; RIGHT INSERT: Donald Cromwell. The team compiled a won-7, tied-2 record and scored 167 points to their opponents' 45. Seno, Larkin, and Harjes were placed on the All-Conference first team while Spenader, Krenz, Cromwell, Faber, Edwards, and Schmitt received honorable mention.



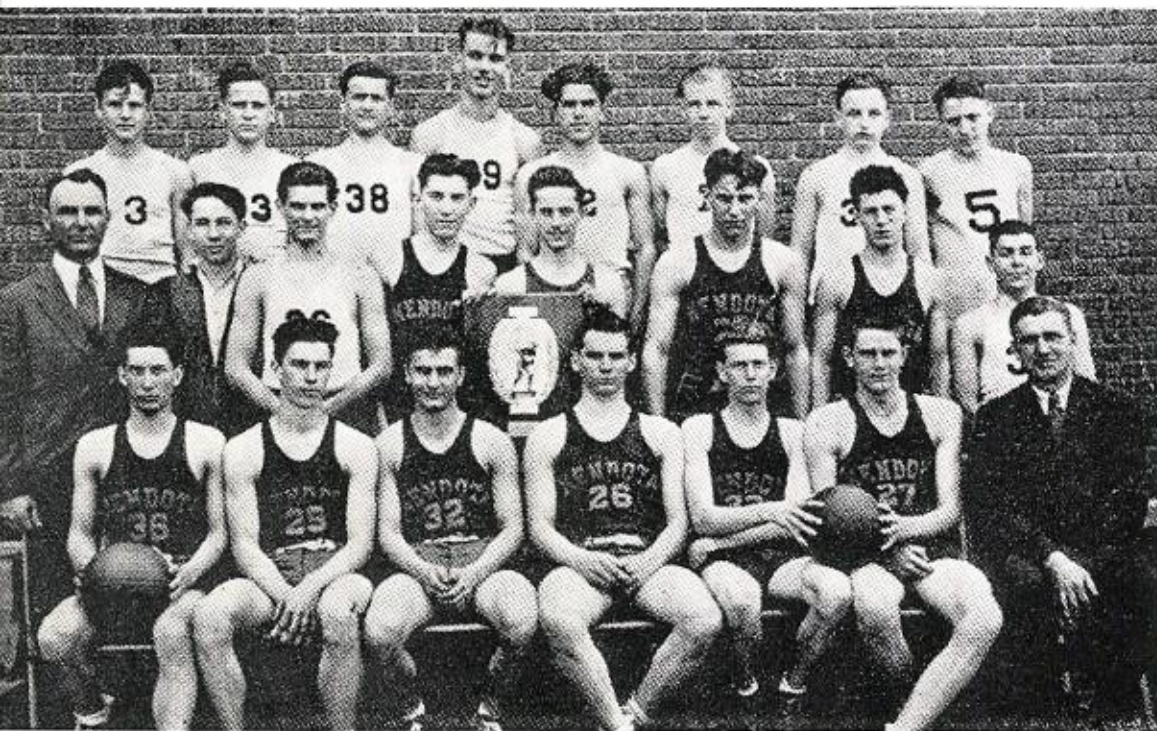


BASKETBALL got off to a slow start at Mendota due to the lack of a gym at Blackstone. Games were played outside, weather permitting, and the sport was discontinued when winter set in. After the new high school was built, basketball began to take hold and grow. The 1919-1920 season was a good one under the coaching of J. L. Dolan. The captain, Roland Bates, was named as "probably the best basketball player that ever represented Mendota High." The 1920-'21 team, coached by C. A. Jack won 9 and lost 5 and tied 1 and broke all previous records by playing its way into the semi-finals at the District tournament, losing only to Streator. Herman Esterday and Dick Smith were placed on the tournament All-Star team.

The 1924-'25 and '25-'26 seasons were exciting ones for the teams of those years. Coach Meyer's boys came close to winning tournaments both years. Such players as Otto Klinge, Edgar Spenader, Neal Cash, Louis Spenader, Willard Merritt, and Francis Wells played on one or both of the squads. Louis Spenader totaled 120 points in 21 games his junior year and 271 points in 26 games his senior year. He was selected as captain of the All-Star team at the District tournament in 1926.

It would be impossible to name all who have starred. A few names in addition to those above should be mentioned: Reed Sharp, Marty Masear, Lloyd Reeder, George Miller, "Red" Wangler, Wayne Spenader, Al Loach, Wayne Ritter, Dick McMahon, Curt Truckenbrod, and George Pohl.

THE 1938-'39 REGIONAL CHAMPIONS—BACK ROW: Donald Barnickle, Robert Krenz, Glenn Harjes, Donald Thorsen, Clarence Fitzgerald, Lawrence Salander, Wayne Spenader, Jim Besenfelder; CENTER ROW: Ass't Coach Dewitz, Don Mathesius, Clarence Harjes, Willis Ashley, George Miller, Frank Seno, Paul Schmitz, Merle Knox; FRONT ROW: Robert Hessenberger, Don Whitmore, Abie Shapiro, Don Troupis, Lloyd Reeder, Jack Reeder, Coach Heinz. This team reached the semi-finals of the Sectional Tournament at Moline.



THE 1910-'11 BASKETBALL TEAM—John Faber, Clarence Potter, Edward Alexander, Edwin Schildberg, George Shepherd, Robert Black.



THE 1920-'21 BASKETBALL TEAM—SECOND ROW: Coach C. A. Jack, Nauman, Esterday, Potter, FIRST ROW: Madden, Nieman, Smith, Blotch, Truckenbrod.

THE 1942-'43 REGIONAL CHAMPIONS—STANDING: Art Shanyfelt, Vernon Baker, Wayne Ashley, Bill Gish, David Shapiro; KNEELING: Coach Lloyd Doenier, Albert Yost, Cliff Preston, Ken Truckenbrod, Keith Holzner, William Wangler.

COACH DOENIER'S 1953-'54 squad won 18, lost 7, tied 1. Players were McMahon, J. Brown, Beardsley, Kessel, Van Horn, Auchstetter, Sondgeroth, Curt Truckenbrod received Special Mention, and Dick McMahon was given Honorable Mention on the Chicago Daily News All-State team. All-Conference honors went to Truckenbrod, McMahon, and Lemmer.

COACH ALTIZER's best season was 1958. George Pohl led the Trojans in scoring with 281 and in rebounds with 182. The team won 12 and lost 11. Players were: Bumba, Pohl, Saueressig, Gehler, Truckenbrod, Weber, Countryman, Hampson, Jacob, Goslin.



MHS sports team managers

THIS YEAR the Trojans were attended by four well-experienced and capable managers. These "mighty four", Bill "Sparky" Bryan, Jim "Pitts" Piccatto, Doug T. Miller, and Ray Michel, had many responsibilities which they carried out with the utmost ability.

"Sparky", the head manager, is noted for his friendliness and efficiency. This is his third year at managing. Bill may be small, but in the eyes of the Trojans he is as big as anyone.

"Pitts" was a great help to the coaches and teams. Jim was well-liked by everybody. His friendly and efficient way of helping was beneficial to all. This was Jim's second year at managing.

D. T., one of the "doctors", helped patch up the players with his skilled hands. He was friendly and cooperative, but, most important in a manager, he knew what he was doing. This is his second year at managing.

Ray is another manager who will return again next year. He did a wonderful job in raising the spirits of the players. Ray is a quiet, well-liked junior. This was his second year as a manager.



MANAGERS—D. T. Miller, football, basketball; Ray Michel, football, basketball; Jim Piccatto, football; Bill Bryan, football, basketball.

MHS is proud of the caliber of its coaching staff

MENDOTA can rightly be proud of this year's coaching staff for we think it was the best in the history of the school. These coaches acted as one unified body. They strived to teach the boys about sportsmanship and fair play. They gave credit not only to

the starting boys but also to the hard working fellows who did not quite make the starting team. These men should be congratulated for the fine job they are doing. They should be complimented for their abilities not only as coaches but also for their qualities as men.

MHS COACHING STAFF—Don Gooden, freshman football, assistant track; Bob Beals, head basketball, track; Bill Booker, frosh-soph basketball, assistant football; Herb Rieke, assistant frosh-soph and freshman football, track; Ted Lewis, varsity football, athletic director; Joe Rollins, varsity football line; Chuck Waity, frosh-soph football, golf; ABSENT: Morris Morgan, freshman basketball.



Varsity football's 1960 season



IN THE 1920's football at Mendota, under Coach Clarence Jack, started becoming the major sport that it is now. In 1927, under Coach H. E. Meyers, the varsity captured third place in the Rock River Conference. The next year brought a new coach to Mendota, Rufus Dewitz. During the early 30's his teams were outstanding. He stayed at MHS from 1928 to 1942, and with the help of a very successful 1940 season his team's overall record was: won, 69 games, lost, 37 and tied, 14. Harold Owens was coach from 1942-46. Under him Mendota finished second in the conference in the 1946 season. Ted Lewis came to Mendota in '47 and has developed winning teams and outstanding players. His teams won the N.C.I.C. conference eight consecutive times, from 1949-1956. Beginning in 1941 MHS athletic teams were named the "Trojans," a winning suggestion by Beverly Winters, '45.

THE 1960 FOOTBALL season proved to be another successful one for the Varsity under Coach Lewis. The Trojans captured second place in the conference, losing only one conference game, and that by a single point. The Trojans' overall record was six wins and two losses, the other loss also by a single point.

Special credit must be given to the T-Team, who ran the plays of the opposing teams against the first string varsity every night in practice sessions.

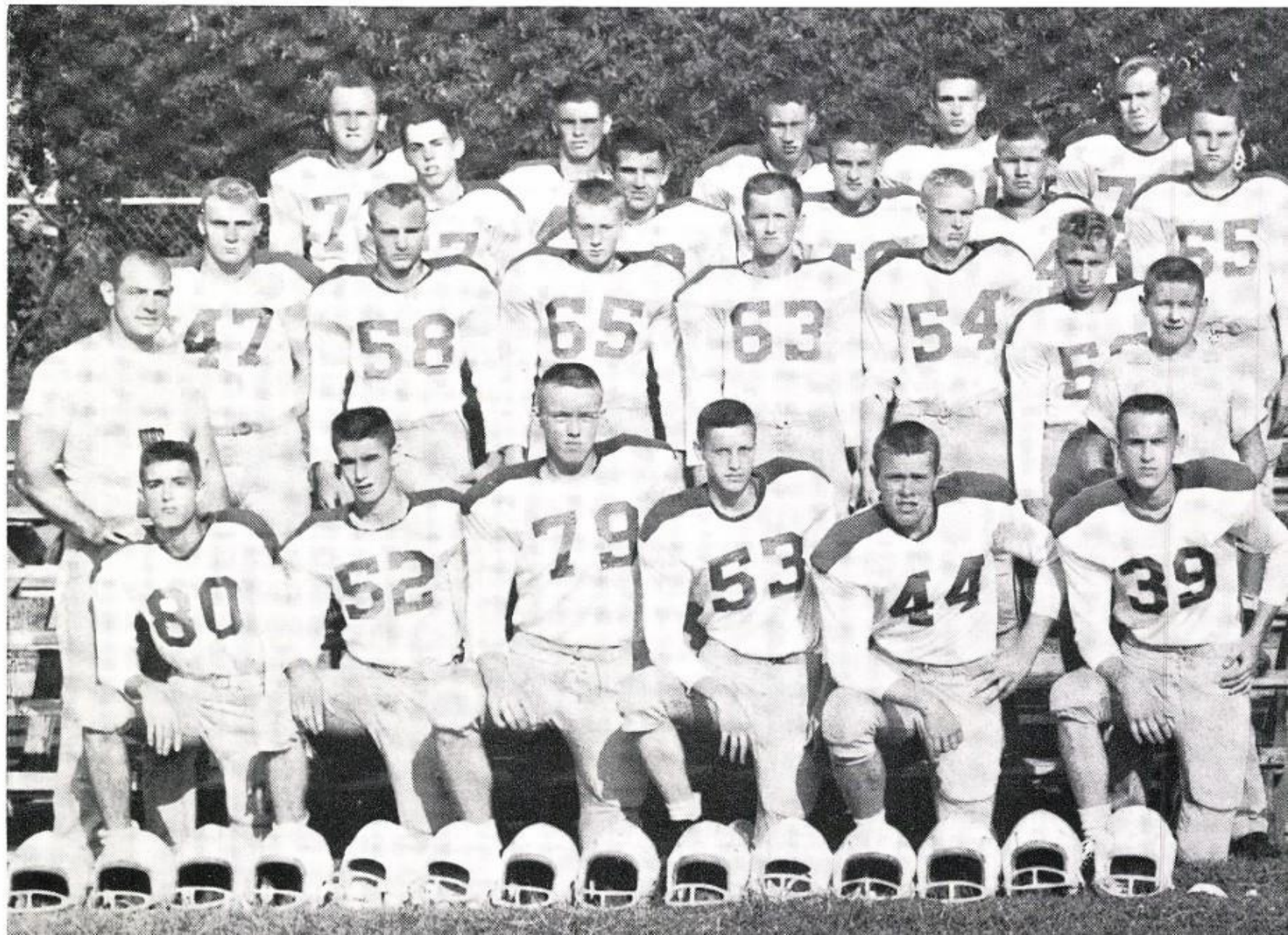
The Trojans were upset in their bid for an undefeated season as they lost to St. Bede due to an unfortunate safety. Mendota's lone score came on a Mahar touchdown and the PAT by Walt Piller.

In the first home game of the season Mendota was host to the Ottawa Pirates. The Trojans were the first to break into the scoring column in the first quarter on Bill Motter's five yard line plunge. But the Pirates took the lead in the second quarter to make the score 7-12 in their favor at the end of the half. The Trojans were unable to score until twenty-one seconds remained and Del Gehrke took a Christmann pass to give Mendota a 13-12 victory.

The following week found Mendota rolling over the Geneseo Maple Leafs by a score of 35-12. Motter, Mahar, Munson, Gehrke, and Stauth all scored touchdowns, and Walt Piller kicked five PAT'S.

Next the Trojans journeyed to Rochelle to defeat the Hubs 21-7. The first half was a tight defensive game with the Trojans scoring only one touchdown. However, in the second half the offense started to roll as Mendota picked up its third win in a row.

VARSIITY BACKS AND ENDS—BACK ROW: D. Gehrke, B. Henkel, K. Stauth, Don Miller, R. Radtke; **THIRD ROW:** M. Kerns, D. Truckenbrod, R. Johnson, T. Schammel, K. Althaus; **SECOND ROW:** Coach Lewis, B. Motter, D. Jones, D. Roegner, G. Campbell, J. Hartt, T. Lobbins, Mgr. B. Bryan; **FIRST ROW:** L. Neuhalfen, E. Hanson, B. Christmann, R. Weitzel, J. Mahar, B. Munson.



Trojans place second in conference competition

In the Homecoming game Mendota played host to the Princeton Tigers. The Trojans took an early first quarter lead, scoring ten points on Bob Munson's touchdown catch and Walt Piller's PAT and field goal. Munson went on to score two more touchdowns with Mahar and Gehrke also figuring in the scoring. "Moose" Stremmlau dominated the tackle chart as the Trojans downed the Tigers 37-14.

The final home game found the mighty Trojans defeating the hapless Hall Red Devils by the score of 51-6. Ronnie Johnson, second-string halfback, led the scoring with two touchdowns, one a 50-yard punt return. Mahar, Miller, Munson, Christmann, Jones, and Motter also scored with one touchdown each.

With the Trojans and Rock Falls both undefeated in conference play, Mendota journeyed to the Rocket homegrounds for the deciding game of the season. The Rockets were the first to score as they found a receiver open and were able to convert the extra point to take a 7-0 lead. Later in the quarter Gehrke caught a Christmann pass and carried it into the end zone. However the PAT attempt was blocked, and Mendota trailed by one point. Both teams failed to score during the remainder of the game. Pass interceptions, inopportune fumbles, and an unfortunate penalty halted Trojans scoring threats as Mendota was edged out of first place by a single point.

In the final game of the season Mendota defeated Sterling 27-6. On the opening kickoff Gehrke galloped 80 yards to a TD behind tremendous team blocking. Mahar scored two touchdowns, and Christmann made one. Walt Piller added three extra points to end a victorious season for the Mendota Trojans.

ALL-AMERICAN — Honorable Mention

The American Sporting News
Duane Stremmlau
James Mahar

ALL-STATE — First Team

The Champaign News Gazette
The Chicago Daily News
The Chicago American
Duane Stremmlau

ALL-STATE — Special Mention

The Champaign News Gazette
The Chicago Daily News
James Mahar

ALL-STATE — Honorable Mention

The Chicago Daily News
Delbert Gehrke
Loren Rich
Robert Munson

NORTHERN ILLINOIS ALL-STAR SQUAD

First Team

Duane Stremmlau

Outstanding Commendation

James Mahar

Special Mention

Bruce Christmann

Delbert Gehrke

ALL-AREA

Selected by Radio Station WCMY, Ottawa

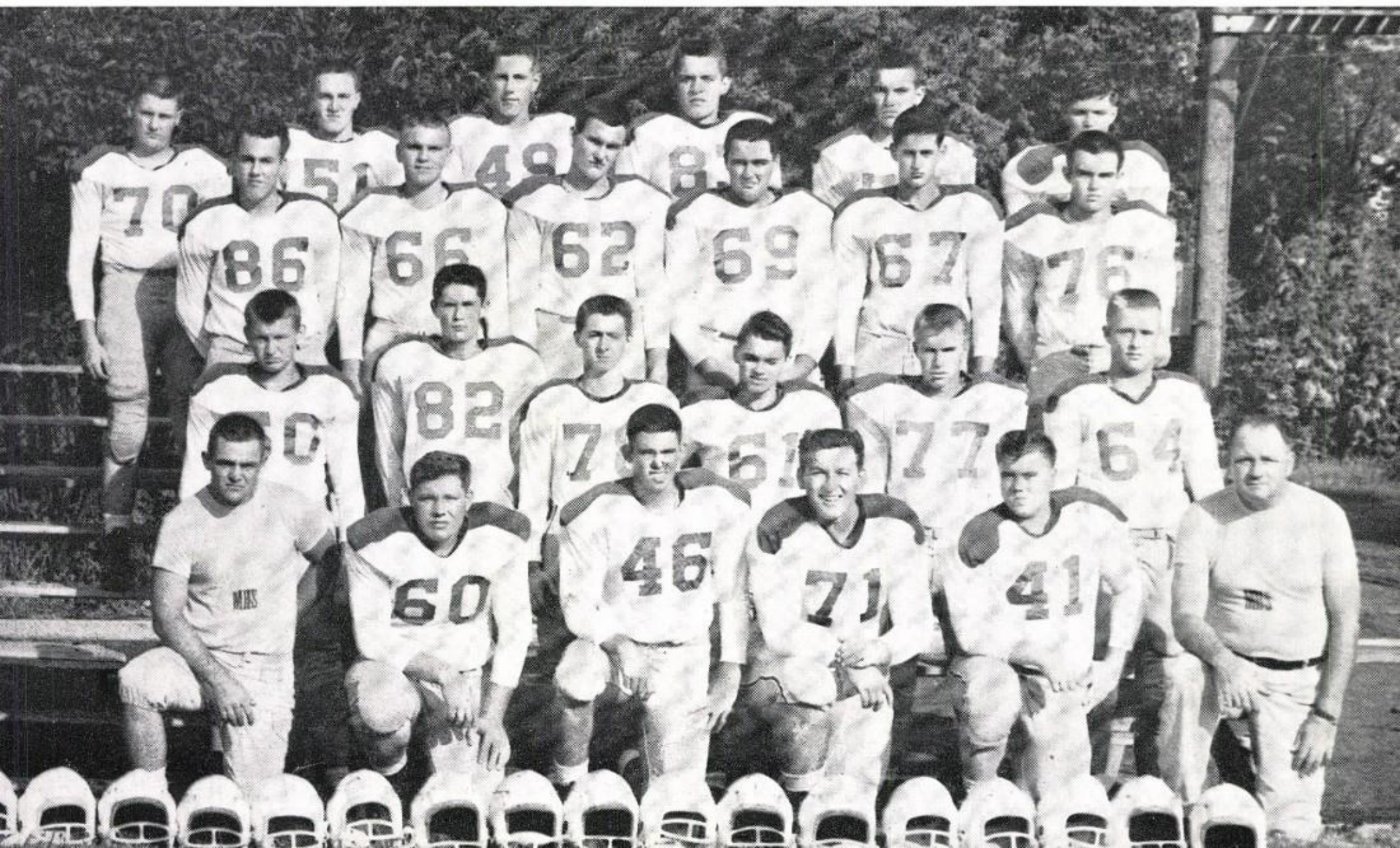
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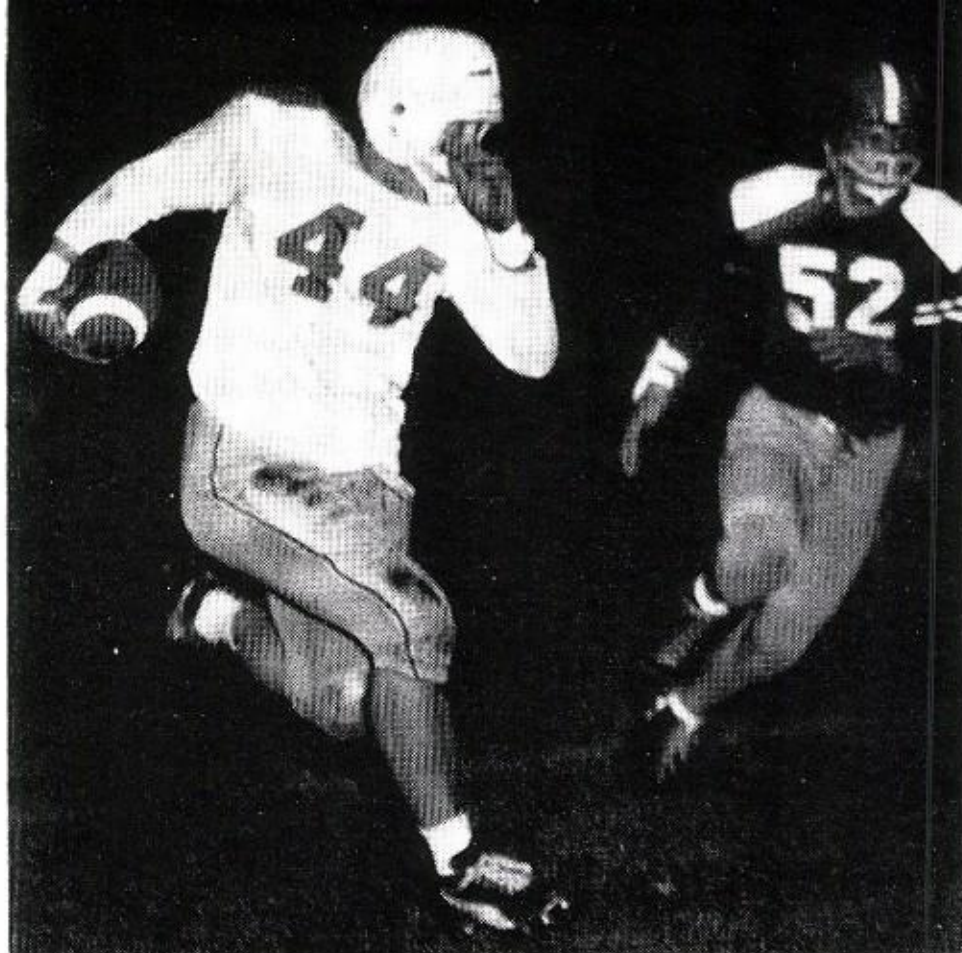
Robert Munson

VARSITY LINE—BACK ROW: D. Nance, W. Piller, J. Pohl, D. Stremmlau, Doug Miller, G. Fransen; **THIRD ROW:** W. Williams, J. Herbert, C. Beardsley, T. Wentz, R. Menzel, W. Marmion; **SECOND ROW:** C. Betz, W. Biers, L. Barrett, C. Ambler, D. Heltness, J. Vogelsang; **FIRST ROW:** Coach Booker, L. Rich, S. Carlson, M. Dickey, C. McLaughlin, Coach Rollins.





DELBERT GEHRKE scored Mendota's winning TD in the final 21 seconds just after he took a pass from Christmann, and raced for the goal, eluding Pirate tacklers.



JIM MAHAR, No. 44, ran 60 yards to score Mendota's second TD with only seconds remaining in the first quarter of the Geneseo game.

Duane Stremlau and Jim Mahar were co-captains —

KEN STAUTH, Trojan end, gained 13 yards on a pass from Bruce Christmann during third-quarter action of the Trojan's 37-14 win over the Princeton Tigers.



VARSITY FOOTBALL AWARDS

Keith Althaus	major	Douglas Miller	major
Carlos Ambler	minor	William Motter	stripe
Larry Barrett	minor	Robert Munson	stripe
Craig Beardsley	major	Charles McLaughlin	minor
Charles Betz	minor	David Nance	stripe
William Biers	minor	Larry Neuhaufen	major
Gary Campbell	major	Jack Phalen	minor
Stephen Carlson	major	Walter Piller	stripe
Bruce Christmann	stripe	John Pohl	major
Michael Dickey	major	Reiner Radtke	major
Gary Fransen	minor	Loren Rich	stripe
Delbert Gehrke	stripe	David Roegner	minor
Edward Hanson	major	Terry Schammel	minor
Daniel Heltness	major	Kenneth Stauth	major
William Henkel	minor	Duane Stremlau	stripe
John Herbert	minor	Dale Truckenbrod	major
Ronnie Johnson	minor	James Vogelsang	minor
Richard Jones	major	Ronnie Weitzel	major
Martin Kerns	minor	Terrance Wentz	minor
Tom Lobbins	minor	William Williams	minor
James Mahar	stripe	Ray Michel, Mgr.	major
William Marmion	stripe	Doug T. Miller, Mgr.	major
Russell Menzel	minor	Jim Piccatto, Mgr.	major
Donnie Miller	major	Bill Bryan, Mgr.	stripe

TROJAN TEAM STATISTICS

	Mendota	Op-ponents
Total Yards Gained	2985	1597
Total Yards Lost	451	375
First Downs	104	64
Punts	24	29
Fumbles	17	21
Total Points	197	72
Touchdowns	29	11
P.A.T.	19	4
Field Goal	1	0

SCHEDULE

We	They
7	St. Bede
13	Ottawa
35	Geneseo
21	Rochelle
37	Princeton
51	Hall
6	Rock Falls
27	Sterling

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

KEY TROJAN PLAYERS

Tackles	D. Stremlau	81
Yards gained rushing	J. Mahar	949
	D. Gehrke	750
	B. Motter	364
Total points scored	J. Mahar	64
	B. Munson	30
	D. Gehrke	30
Points after touchdown	W. Piller	19
Field goal	W. Piller	1

N.C.I.C. CONFERENCE

STANDINGS

South West Division
Rock Falls
Mendota
Rochelle
Princeton
Hall
Geneseo

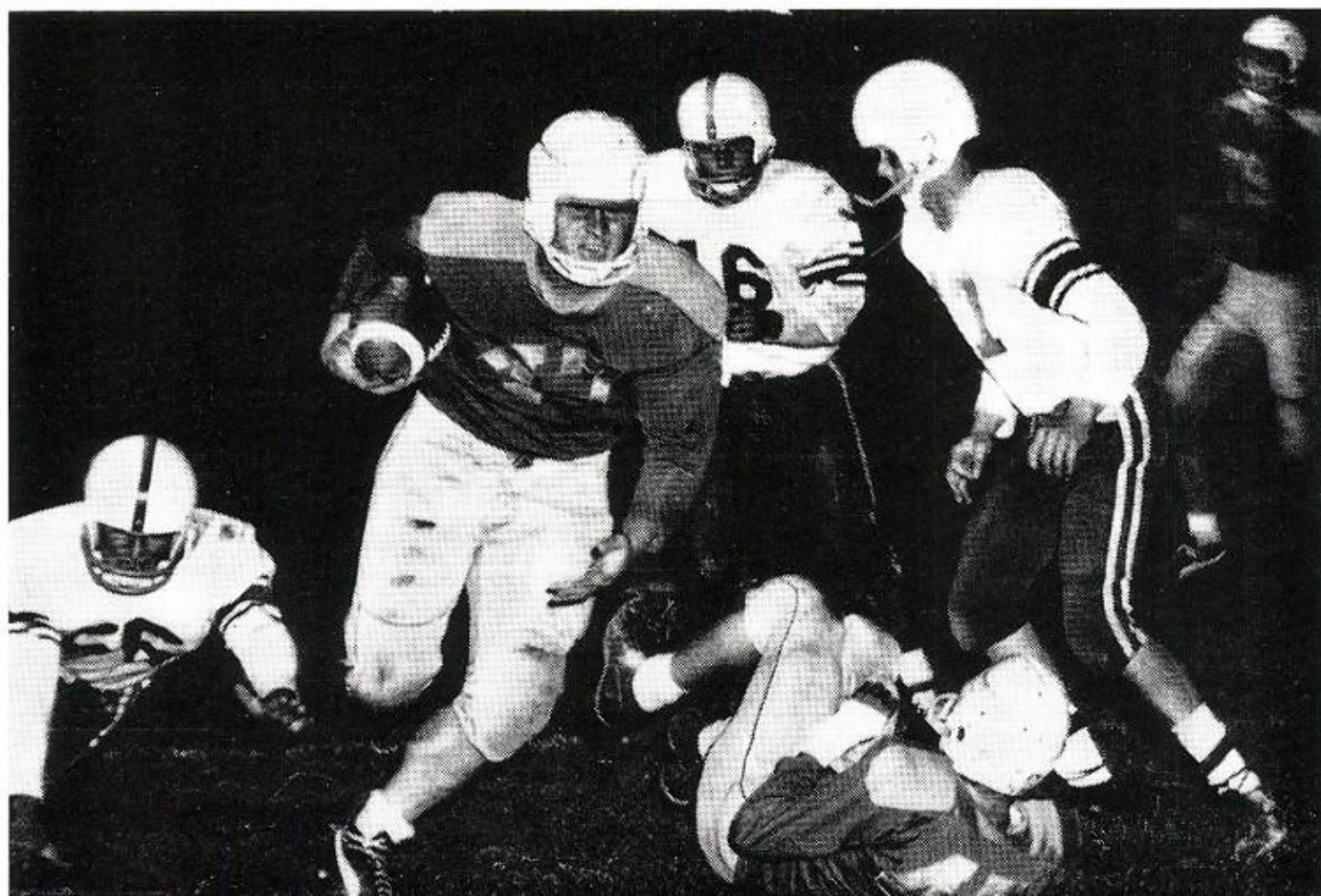
Rock Falls handed Mendota its only conference defeat. The Trojans were beaten by only one point, but the loss put them in second place in the conference.



BOB MUNSON is downed on Geneseo's 31 yard line after making a first down on a fake punt formation. This maneuver helped set up a TD scored by Del Gehrke.

leaders of another fine Lewis-coached Trojan team

BILL MOTTER, Trojan back, scores Mendota's second touchdown during third-quarter action against Rochelle. The final score read: Mendota 21, Rochelle 7.





SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL—BACK ROW: Coaches Gooden and Waity, D. Long, B. Smith, J. Christmann, R. Haley, K. Klein, J. Loebach, D. Wujeck, L. Brewbaker, Coach Rieke; THIRD ROW: R. Becker, D. Davis, R. Sheridan, R. Gallagher, R. Medlar, R. Bumba, D. Avery, W. Whitmore, C. Goebel; SECOND ROW: J. Cline, W. Hanson, W. Rider, S. Jacobs, J. Larsen, D. Murdock, G. Smith, R. Sander, D. Brown, J. Goebel, R. Kent; FRONT ROW: R. Graft, B. Beemer, T. Yost, N. Alshouse, J. Betz, J. Musick, D. Baker, D. Pohl, F. Wagner, P. Wood, J. Flaherty.

Frosh-Soph football

PRIOR TO 1924, there was only one football team at MHS. In the fall of '23, the second team was originated. This was composed of those who were unable to qualify for the varsity. By 1929 the underclasses had their own team, the Lightweights, and entered interscholastic competition. Through the years, the team became known as the "B" Squad, and finally in 1940 it was called the Frosh-Soph; since 1948 they have been known also as the Jaytees.

It was not until '47 that the Frosh-Soph team, under Coach Doenier, began to receive recognition. Between the years of '50 and '55, Doenier's Jaytees won the conference championship five times and came in second in '52. Under Coach Altizer, they were unbeaten and unscored upon in NCIC competition in '57. Coach Waity's '60 squad, by winning the conference, upholds the Frosh-Soph tradition.

COACH WAITY'S Frosh-Soph team had a very impressive season this year. Winning seven games and losing only one (a non-conference contest) placed the team first in the conference. This record can well be accredited to the wonderful team spirit displayed by all the boys along with their above-average ability.

The Jaytees got off to a good start, especially in the first three games. These were all shutouts by the Frosh-Soph squad, even though the games were hard fought to the finish. The first three contests were won by scores of 12-0, 6-0, and 39-0 against the St. Bede, Ottawa, and Geneseo teams respectively. Since these games were all against teams from larger schools, they were sizeable victories for Mendota.

When the team met Rochelle, the Jaytees still were able to emerge victorious, although by a smaller margin. The final score was 13-7. The points continued to accumulate for the Frosh-Soph as they won over Princeton with a score of 29-6. In this Homecoming game, the Jaytees scored 20 points in the first five minutes of the game and continued to outrank the Princeton team throughout the evening.

In the next two games, the Jaytees again triumphed, winning over Hall and Rock Falls by scores of 19-7 and 20-7. These games were important victories for Mendota. The Rock Falls game completed the Jaytees' conference schedule, and their win clinched for them the conference championship.

The last game of the season proved to be a stumbling block for the unbeaten Jaytees as they fell before Sterling, who defeated them by a score of 20-7.

From the eight performances of the Jaytees this year, Mendota is almost assured of a strongly-backed varsity squad for next season. Among the many outstanding players on the 1960 Frosh-Soph team who deserve mention were Willie Hanson, Scotty Jacobs, Bob Haley, Lynn Brewbaker, Bruce Smith, Jim Christmann, John Larsen, and Doug Long.

Jaytees capture first place in conference play

JAYTEE AWARDS

Don Avery
Rich Becker
Lynn Brewbaker
Dave Brown
Jim Christmann
Dave Davis
Rick Gallagher
Chris Goebel
Jeff Goebel
Willie Hanson
Bob Haley
Scotty Jacobs
John Larsen
Doug Long
Ken Klein
Rich Medlar
Dave Murdock
Bill Rider
Rich Sander
Bruce Smith
Gary Smith
Roger Sheridan
Wayne Whitmore
Dave Wujack
Terry Yost

TACKLES ASSISTS

Lynn Brewbaker	38	16
Bob Haley	36	22
Bruce Smith	26	13
Jim Christmann	16	7
John Larsen	15	6
Dave Murdock	12	2
Dave Wujack	11	9
Bill Rider	11	9

AVERAGE YARDS PER TRY

Scotty Jacobs	11.8
Bob Haley	9.7
Rich Medlar	6.1
Willie Hanson	4.5

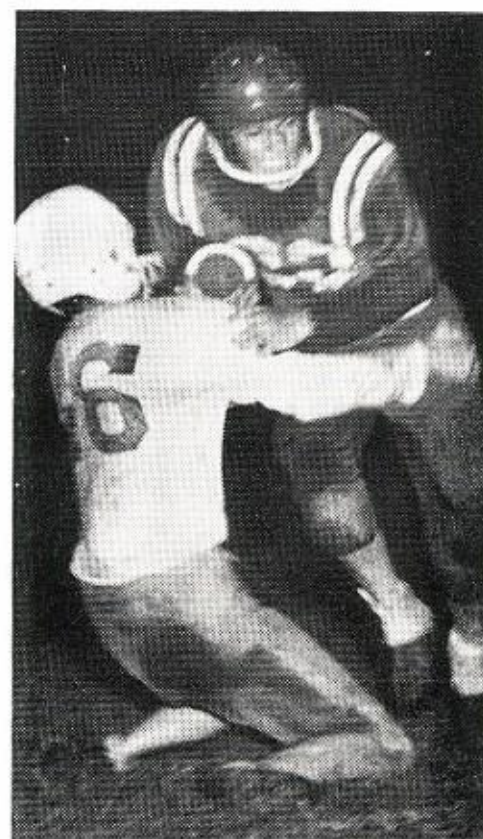
SCHEDULE

WE	THEY
12 St. Bede	0
6 Ottawa	0
39 Geneseo	0
13 Rochelle	7
19 Hall	7
29 Princeton	6
20 Rock Falls	7
7 Sterling	20

SCORING POINTS

Scotty Jacobs	52
Willie Hanson	30
Bob Haley	18
Doug Long	12
Bruce Smith	12
Jim Musick	6
Rich Medlar	6

DOUG LONG, Mendota frosh-soph gridder, tackles Corsairs halfback Tom Stevenson for a 5 yard loss in the final minute of the preliminary game won by Mendota, 6-0.



Freshman football

ALTHOUGH the Mendota freshman team started their 1960 season by holding their opponents scoreless, they did not maintain this record throughout the year. The team finished with 2 wins and 4 losses.

In the first game, Mendota emerged victorious, beating St. Bede by a score of 7-0. In the Rochelle game, Mendota again finished the game with a victory, this time with a 14-0 score.

In the next four games, the Frosh scored only 6 points against their opponents. The six points were scored in the Dixon game in which the Frosh were defeated, 27-6. In the Rock Falls, Princeton, and Hall games, the team was scoreless while the opponents' scores were 18, 18, and 14 respectively.

Gooden and Rieke were coaches of this team which gave more boys opportunity for sports participation.

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL—BACK ROW: P. Wood, J. Loebach, B. Higgins, W. Wheeler, R. Bone, J. Becket, D. Carnahan, J. Hampton, J. Donahue, S. Dancey, L. Snyder, Coach Rieke; **MIDDLE ROW:** Mgr. J. Walker, D. Pohl, M. Beardsley, R. Becker, C. Brokaw, R. Cardot, P. Marmion, M. Marmion, R. Zolper, C. Goebel, J. Musick, D. Meade, Coach Gooden; **FIRST ROW:** F. Wagner, J. Sams, J. Thompson, K. Scheidenhelm, T. Guilfoyle, J. Pitstick, R. Wentz, J. Pohl, B. Swisher, C. Carter, R. Tastad, J. Cassidy.



Varsity basketball hits new heights in 1960-61



PRIOR to the building of the new High school, Mendota Basketball teams had to play outside and only when the weather permitted. In the new building, basketball began to roll at Mendota. Not only did the teams increase in size, but also in ability. The enthusiasm of the fans aided greatly. Many teams in the past have brought glory to Mendota High School. In 1939, Coach Dewitz's boys won the Regional Tournament at Princeton and reached the Semi-final at Moline. The 1943 team, coached by Mr. Doenier, also won the Regional Tournament at Princeton, and lost to Normal in the Sectional. Once again basketball at MHS is on the up swing as the record of the 1961 year indicates.

THE MENDOTA TROJANS, under "freshman" coach Bob Beals, corked their 1960-61 cage season with the best results in twelve years. Their record of 17 wins and 6 losses is also one of the best in the history of the school. They tallied their best conference record in six years with 8 wins and 3 losses to secure third place in the NCIC. The mighty Trojans ended their season with a 45% shooting average, the envy of many teams. Mendota also averaged the highest point average per game in MHS history (69.4 points).

Many thanks to Mr. Beals who has brought basketball enthusiasm to an all-time high in Mendota. There are many reasons for this upswing in interest. For instance, Willie Hanson placed first in the NCIC as a result of scoring 236 points for a 21.5 point average per conference game. He also chalked up 121 assists. Bruce Christmann snagged a grand total of 401 rebounds. Ed Hanson led the Trojans with 78 personal fouls. Way to go, Ed! Seriously, Ed committed them as a result of the tremendous defense he played all season. Brother "Will" captured the free throw award with a .782 average. Kent Carnahan and Jim Mahar were both potent weapons and continual threats to the worthy opposition.

VARISITY BASKETBALL—BACK ROW: Coach Beals, G. Cassidy, D. Miller, K. Carnahan, R. Childers, B. Christmann, J. Pohl, R. Weitzel; SECOND ROW: B. Shirey, L. Neuhalfen, E. Hanson, J. Mahar, D. Gehrke, J. Piccatto; FRONT ROW: D. Jones, W. Hanson, R. Johnson, J. Hartt.



Carnahan and Christmann — Trojan co-captains

Determination and consistent effort brought the Trojans into the winning column at the start of the new year. They kept up this winning trend by scoring eleven consecutive victories.

Remember the 22nd of December, 1960? That was the evening the Mendota Trojans racked up their first conference victory over Dave Keeley and the Dixon Dukes, who were highly rated at the time. This gave the Trojans the psychological boost they had been striving for. When the final gun sounded Willie Hanson had 28 points, Bruce Christmann had 29 rebounds, and the Trojans had an 84-62 victory.

During the Ottawa-Marquette Holiday Tournament the only team to defeat Mendota was Serena, who went on to win the tournament. The game was up for grabs until the closing seconds, the final score being 69-63.

Probably Mendota's finest exhibition of teamwork occurred on January 7 when the home team played host to the Marquette Crusaders. It was one of Christmann's best games; Bruce snagged 18 rebounds and scored 22 points. Kent Carnahan and Willie Hanson each scored 19 points to boost the Trojans to an easy 84-68 win.

The Trojans took a big stride forward when they downed Kewanee on January 13. The Boilermakers, slated to win because of their 3-1 conference record, were surprised by a sharp Mendota ball club. Willie Hanson led his teammates to a 72-58 victory as he hit on 16 of 18 free throw attempts for a 24 point total.

Sophomore Willie Hanson's 27 points again led the Mendota Trojans to victory, this time over the Ottawa Pirates. This win was a must for Mendota if they wanted to stay in the conference race. Their objective was obtained as they secured a 49-22 lead at the end of the third quarter. Kent Carnahan, "All-African" nominee, controlled the boards with 14 rebounds.

The Trojans moved on to ground the Rock Falls Rockets with a 69-63 victory. This NCIC win gave Mendota a 6-2 conference record. Coach Beals' club got off to a slow start but came back to secure the victory. The Hanson brothers, Ed and Willie, kept the Rockets busy with their fine ball-handling and defense.

Superlative hardly describes the excellent shooting performance turned in by Wee Willie Hanson in the game against Streator. The sophomore sensation tallied a grand total of 39 points to set a new MHS scoring record. The Bulldogs put in a good showing, but they were simply over-powered. The Trojans' 91-70 victory placed them third in the NCIC, one of the roughest conferences in the state.

As the Mendota Trojans entered the Rochelle tilt, they did not know they were destined to play for the conference championship in one week. They did know, however, that they had to win. With this in mind they played one of their finest, if not the finest, games of the season. Mendota's defense made the difference in the tilt. The Trojans, who were behind until the end of the third quarter, finally pulled ahead and went on to capture a 65-56 win. Christmann headed the scoring column with 22 points.

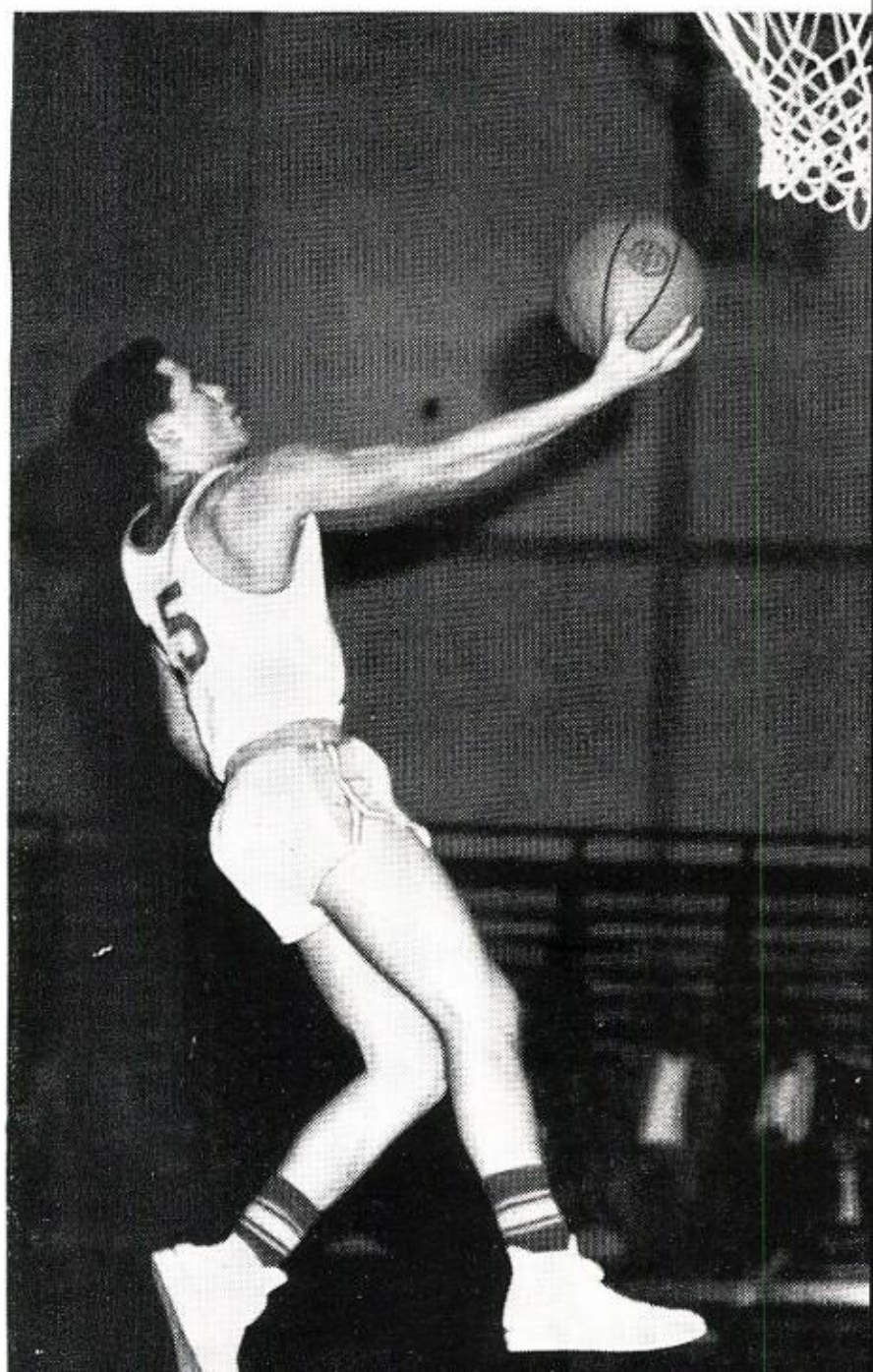
On the evening of February 17 a large crowd of Mendota fans traveled to the Sterling fieldhouse. Hopes were high, but the outcome left something to be desired. Although four of the five starters were fouled out, Mendota neither gave up nor let up in their efforts. The Trojans weren't beaten; they were just on the short end of an 84-69 score when the horn sounded, ending the game. The MHS varsity did, however, tie for third place in the conference standings.

Ed Hanson turned in his best performance of the season as the Trojans downed the Hall Red Devils by an 89-83 score in their first game of the L-P Regional Tournament. Jim Mahar and Willie Hanson each turned in 20 points that night. Two nights later Bruce Christmann chalked up 23 points to give the Mendota club an 81-69 victory over Princeton. This win gave the Bealsmen a shot at the Regional title. By downing the Devils and the Tigers, the Trojans avenged two of their conference losses. In the final game against L-P a fatigued Trojan squad bowed out to the fresh Cavaliers, who had a very high shooting percentage that night. The L-P team had a truly great night and wound up on top of an 88-75 score.

Looking over the 1960-61 season, the Trojans did very well in spite of their discouraging start. Willie Hanson took care of much of the scoring and displayed excellent ball-handling throughout the season. He was elected to the first team of the All-Conference squad by the coaches of the NCIC schools. Bruce Christmann improved the most of all his teammates and was a good all-around player. This 6'4" center spent much of his time clearing the boards. Ed Hanson was the "stabilizer" of the Trojan squad; he never lost his head, no matter how tight the situation. Kent Carnahan gave good solid backing to Bruce's rebounding and the general Mendota defense. Jim Mahar exhibited fine defensive work during the entire season. Doug Miller and Ron Johnson appeared to be the most promising of the reserves.

A fast break, strong defense, and good rebounding and shooting put the Mendota Trojans in the winning bracket for the 1960-61 season.

LOOKS EASY. doesn't it? Willie Hanson goes all alone for a lay-up.



Trojans in action

ED HANSON (10), Trojan guard, scores two points during 4th quarter action of the Dixon game. Kent Carnahan (55) and Bruce Christmann (50) await the outcome of Ed's shot.



STATISTICS

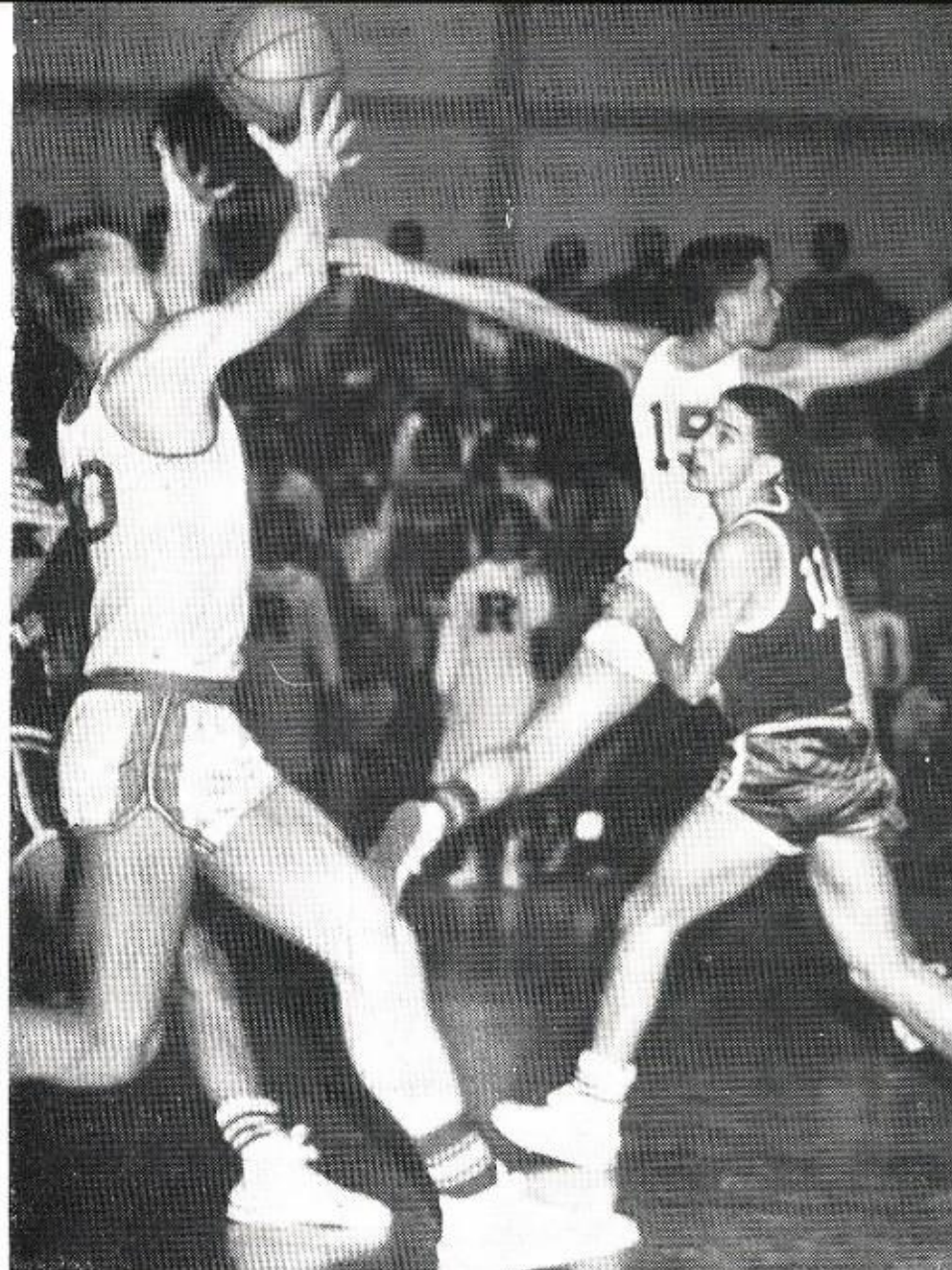
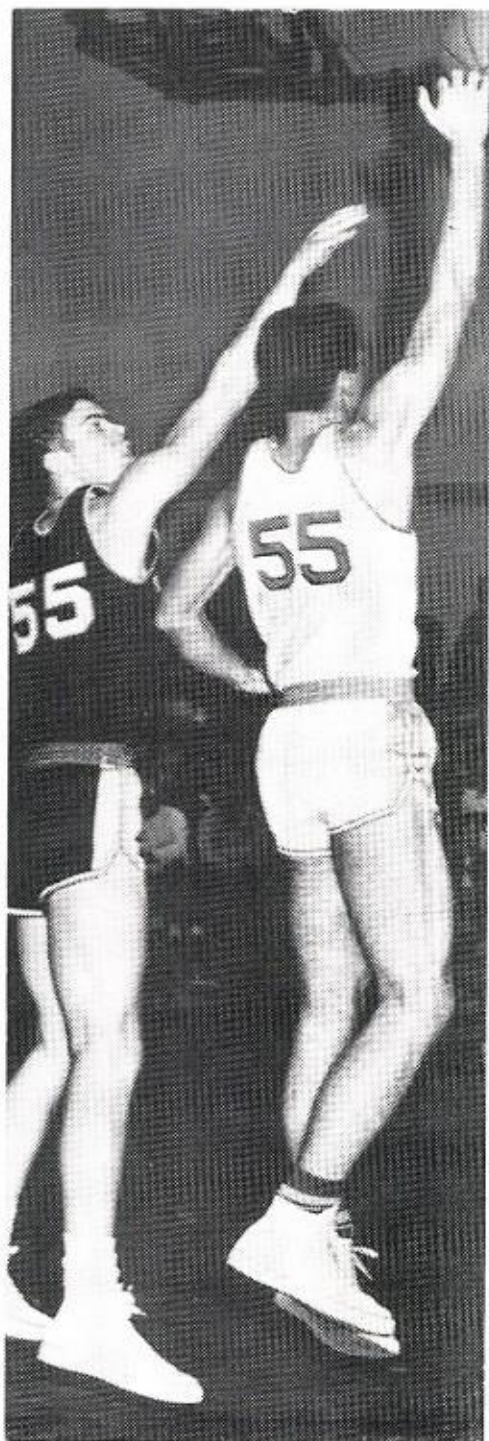
NAME	FGA	FGM	PCT	FTA	FTM	PCT	AVG	GAME		REBOUNDS		TOT	GA
								PTS	OFF	DEF	TOT		
Kent Carnahan	241	100	.415	72	47	.652	10.7	247	93	142	235	45	23
James Mahar	206	89	.432	68	37	.544	9.3	215	57	49	106	73	23
Bruce Christmann	289	132	.457	153	79	.516	14.9	343	195	206	401	47	23
Ed Hanson	153	72	.470	84	50	.595	8.4	194	21	71	92	99	23
Willie Hanson	287	143	.498	225	176	.782	20.1	462	33	45	78	121	23
Delbert Gehrke	86	35	.407	28	13	.464	3.7	83	17	26	43	21	22
Ken Stauth	18	6	.333	1	0	—	1.0	12	6	2	8	1	12
Ron Johnson	4	1	.250	10	4	.400	.4	6	—	5	5	3	15
Doug K. Miller	19	11	.579	16	9	.563	1.7	31	12	19	31	2	18
Dick Jones	5	1	.200	3	1	.333	.3	3	1	3	4	1	12
Ron Weitzel	1	0	—	—	—	—	—	0	—	—	—	—	5
Robbin Childers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	—	—	—	—	3
John Pohl	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	0	—	—	—	—	3
Bill Shirey	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	—	1	1	—	2
George Cassidy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	—	—	—	—	0
	1310	590	.450	662	416	.628	—	—	435	570	1005	413	23

Offensive Points, 1596; Defensive Points, 1397; Offensive Average, 69.4; Defensive Average, 60.7 Key: FGA, field goals attempted; FGM, field goals made; PCT, percent; FTA, free throws attempted; FTM, free throws made; AVG, game average; PTS, total points scored; OFF, offensive; DEF, defensive; TOT, total; AST, assists; GA, games played.

VARSITY AWARDS

Bruce Christmann	Chevron
Kent Carnahan	Chevron
Ed Hanson	Chevron
Jim Mahar	Chevron
Delbert Gehrke	Chevron
Willie Hanson	Major
Bill Shirey	Major
Duane Stremmlau	Minor
John Pohl	Minor
Jim Piccatto	Minor
Ron Weitzel	Minor
Larry Neuhaufen	Minor
Robbin Childers	Minor
Dick Jones	Minor
Ron Johnson	Minor
John Hartt	Minor
Doug Miller	Minor
George Cassidy	Minor

KENT CARNAHAN, Trojan forward, hit on a long jump shot. This added two points to the Mendota score during the Kewanee game.



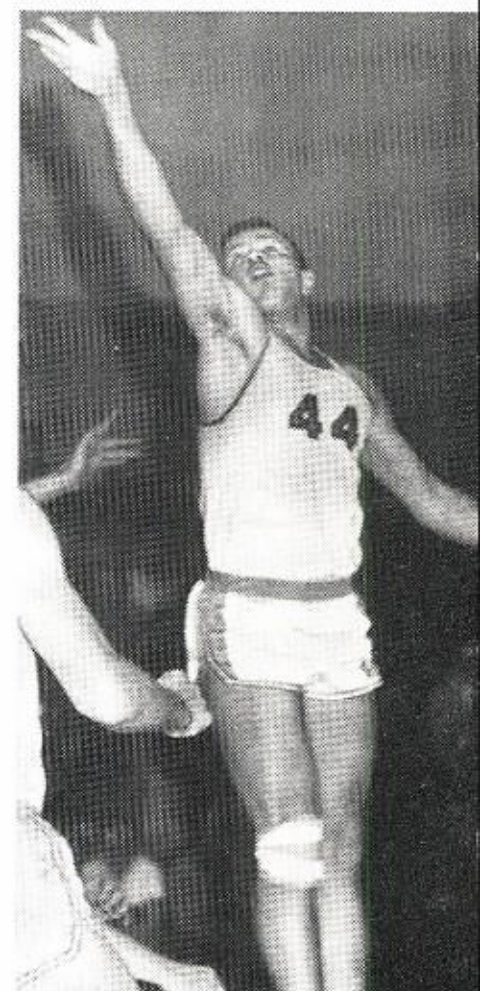
ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE was the execution of this play in the Rochelle game. Willie Hanson (15) threw the ball backward over his right shoulder to Bruce Christmann (50), who scored.

1960-61 VARSITY SCHEDULE

	WE	THEY
Earlville	52	53
Amboy	67	54
Princeton	52	64
Hall	59	64
St. Bede	61	35
Dixon	84	62
Woodland†	74	48
Serenaf	63	69
Geneseo	58	47
Marquette	84	68
Kewanee	72	58
St. Bede	57	42
Ottawa	65	51
DeKalb	63	59
Rock Falls	69	63
Streator	91	70
Rochelle	65	56
Marquette	87	75
Amboy	59	39
Sterling	69	84
Hall*	89	83
Princeton*	81	69
LaSalle-Peru*	75	88

†designates Ottawa-Marquette Holiday Tournament
*designates Regional Tournament

JIM MAHAR scored two points for Mendota on the home court early in the season.



Jaytees place first in NCIC frosh-soph conference

BEGINNING in the mid-forties, Mendota High School originated a regular Frosh-Soph basketball team. Prior to that time, there had been second teams, B squads, and lightweights who were not quite good enough for the varsity. In 1926 there were the Pee Wees, composed of underclassmen, who followed the same schedule as the varsity.

The name of Junior Trojans began in 1945 and was changed in 1946 to Jaytees, this name remaining throughout the years.

Except for this year, there have been no conference championships; but in 1949 and 1951 the teams placed second with 5-4 and 7-2 records respectively.

While playing on these squads, the boys did and do gain much valuable experience and learn good sportsmanship, thus preparing them for a spot on the varsity team.

THE MENDOTA JAYTEES compiled a remarkable record this season winning 20 out of 21 games; thus enabling them to take first place in the rugged North Central Illinois Conference. In doing this, the Jaytees defeated the tough Rochelle team which had beaten them in the Rock Falls Frosh-Soph Invitational Tournament, in which the Jaytees placed third behind Rochelle and Rock Falls.

Coach Booker's fast breaking team began their fine season with a 52-47 victory over the Earlville Raiders. Rog Sheridan proved to be the outstanding player as he tallied 21 points.

Although outscored in the first quarter by the Amboy Clippers, the Jaytees came back to defeat them by a score of 52-37.

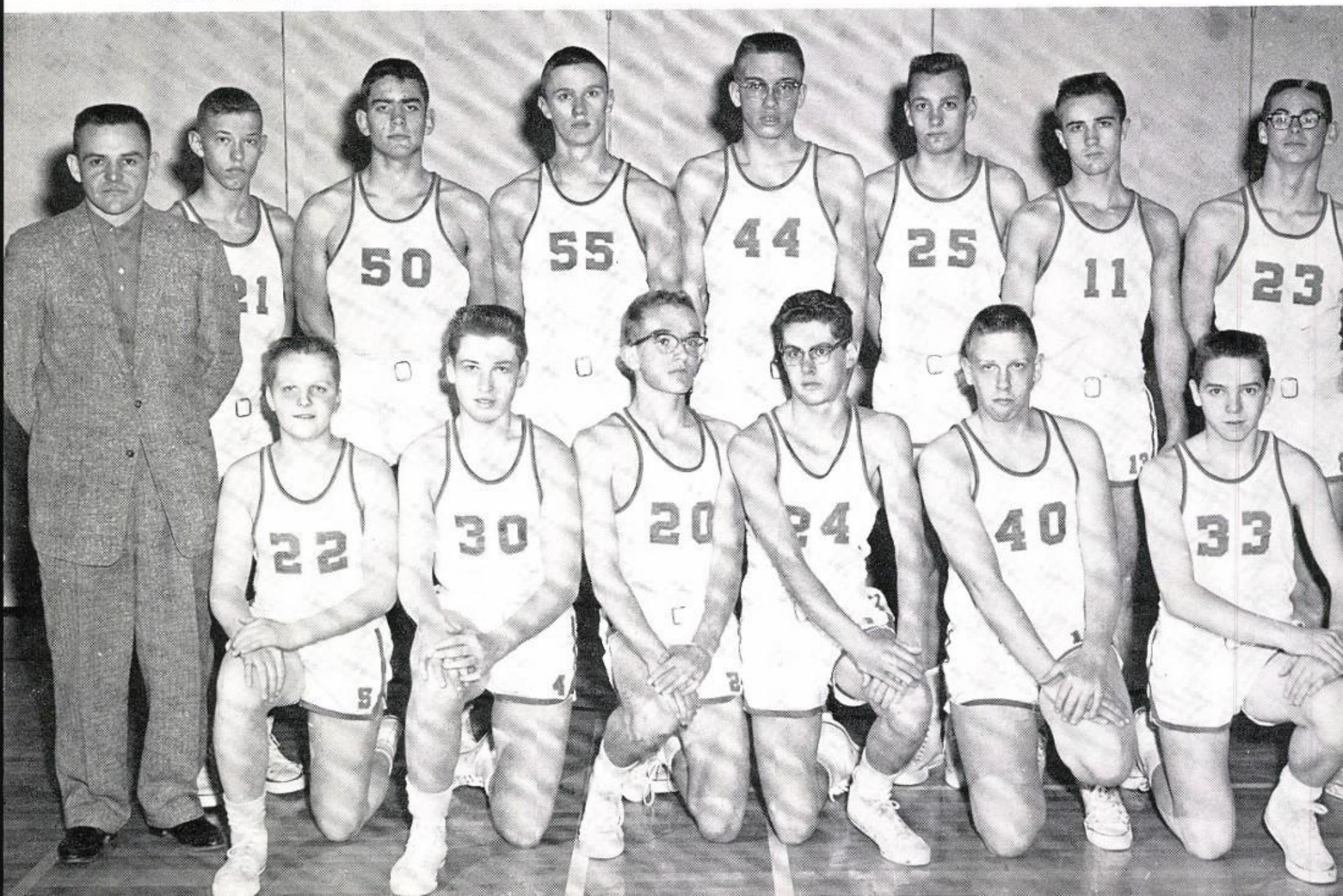
The third game of the season found the Jaytees up against a hard-fighting Princeton five. In the second half with 1:15 left to play, Bruce Smith scored a field goal and a free throw to break the ice after eight minutes of playing time had lapsed without a Mendota score. The Jaytees emerged the victors by a score of 42-31.

The Hall Red Devils became the fourth victim of the mighty Jaytees. Half time showed a comfortable lead of 37-17 for Mendota, and the final score revealed a lopsided 66-37 victory.

Extending their perfect record to five victories, the Junior Trojans tromped the St. Bede team by a score of 52-29.

The Jaytees' next foe was the Dixon Dukes whom they played on their home floor. A half-time score of 25-18 typified the play of the evening as the Jr. Trojans emerged the victor with a 49-37 score.

FROSH-SOPH BASKETBALL—BACK ROW: P. Wood, B. Haley, B. Smith, J. Christmann, J. Loebach, S. Jacobs, J. Larsen; FRONT ROW: Coach Booker, D. Avery, N. Alshouse, J. Goebel, R. Sander, B. Beemer, R. Sheridan.



The following Friday night found Geneseo yielding to a 56-47 win by the Jaytees. It was a close first quarter, but Mendota took command of the game in the following three quarters. Bruce Smith led the scoring as he dropped in 21 points.

Coach Booker's fine young team posted another victory against the Marquette Crusaders with a score of 51-32.

In their ninth game of the season, the Jaytees outscored Kewanee by a score of 77-53. Rog Sheridan played his best game of the season by dropping in 26 points, 22 of which were scored during the first half of the game. Most of Coach Booker's reserves played during the fourth quarter of this contest.

Mendota kept its slate clean by defeating St. Bede with a score of 44-42.

Ottawa met the Jaytees on Mendota's home court. The Junior Trojans were really hot during the third quarter, scoring 29 points while holding their opponents to only 8. The subs were sent in for the fourth quarter and scored 17 points. The Ottawa Corsairs came out on the losing end as the final score read 78-45.

The Jaytees did it again by beating the Dekalb Barbettes at the Dekalb court. Smith was the leader this time, scoring 17 points. When the final gun went off, the score read 53-35 in favor of Mendota. The win gave the Jaytees a 7-0 record in the N.C.I.C. Conference.

Mendota was host to the Rock Falls club on February 3. Although the Rockets proved to be a tall team, the Jaytees were victorious over their opponents by a great margin of 76-38. In the final stanza of the game, the Jaytees were leading by 25 points; and the remainder of the team saw action. John Larsen had his best night of the season as he pumped in 19 points.

The Jaytees' next victims were the Streator Jr. Bulldogs. It was a hard fought contest for both teams. Streator led the scoring for the first half of the game, the board reading 25-24. In the third quarter, Mendota took the lead by 30-25; this lead was then maintained throughout the entire game with the final buzzer sounding when the score read 51-43. Rog Sheridan led the scoring with 22 points.

Mendota's fine young team added another victory to their win column by defeating a tough Rochelle squad. This team had earlier in the season edged the Jaytees for their only loss of the year. Spirit and excitement engulfed the gymnasium as the Frosh-Soph handed the Hublets their first loss. Rog Sheridan contributed about 40% of a 53-47 score with a 19 point total.

The following night saw a scrappy Marquette team give the Jaytees a rough time. As the final gun sounded, the Jaytees had won their 18th game in 19 starts by a score of 48-43.

In the last home game of the season, the Jaytees met the Amboy Clippers for the second time. Every one of the reserves saw action during the game, and at the sound of the final buzzer the score read 79-35 in favor of the Mendota Jaytees.

Coach Booker, in his first year at Mendota, has much to be proud of as his Frosh-Soph team took undisputed possession of the Conference Championship with a record of 11 wins and no losses. This was one of the most exciting games of the season as the Jaytees had to come from behind to claim the victory. Action was the theme of the entire game, as Sterling led at the first quarter 14-11. Mendota's rebounding wasn't quite up to par, but their scoring was accurate and the second quarter ended 28-26 in their favor. The battle raged back and forth during the third quarter with the Jaytees in the lead at its end, 42-39. Still anyone's ball game, it continued at a fast scoring pace. Sterling pulled to within 4 points of Mendota, but the Jaytees held their lead and proved their right to the championship. This game concluded the Jaytees' fine season with a record of 20 wins and only 1 loss. Congratulations to a fine team, who will make the varsity of tomorrow.



JAYTEE ROGER SHERIDAN (33) scored a basket near the close of the third quarter to give Mendota a 37-31 lead. The Jaytees defeated Rochelle, 53-47.

STATISTICS

	Total Points	Game Average	Free Throw Percentage
Sheridan	325	15.5	74.5%
Smith	257	12.8	59.5%
Sander	222	10.6	62.1%
Jacobs	154	7.3	59.4%
Larsen	154	7.3	52.5%

WE SCHEDULE. THEY

52	Earlville	47
52	Amboy	37
42	Princeton	31
66	Hall	34
52	St. Bede	29
49	Dixon	37
56	Geneseo	37
51	Marquette	32
77	Kewanee	53
44	St. Bede	42
78	Ottawa	45
53	Dekalb	35
76	Rock Falls	38
51	Streator	43
53	Rochelle	47
48	Marquette	43
79	Amboy	35
66	Sterling	58

LETTER WINNERS

Rog Sheridan
Bruce Smith
Scotty Jacobs
Rich Sander
John Larsen
Bob Haley
Jeff Goebel



JAYVEE BASKETBALL — BACK ROW: D. Gehrke, R. Weitzel, J. Pohl, R. Childers, D. K. Miller, G. Cassidy, L. Neuhalfen; FRONT ROW: D. Jones, B. Shirey, J. Piccatto, R. Johnson, J. Hartt; ABSENT: K. Stauth, D. Stremlau.

Jayvee Basketball proved to be a source of knowledge, experience and fun to fourteen junior and senior boys. Playing their games on Saturday mornings, these boys compiled a 5-4 record by defeating Amboy, Streator, Marseilles, Marquette, and St. Bede. Their losses were to St. Bede, Princeton, Marquette and Ottawa.

The five top scorers were Deb Gehrke with 92 points, Doug K. Miller, 85; Ron Johnson, 78; Ken Stauth, 67; and Dick Jones with 56.

Jayvee Basketball also provided an opportunity of participation to those boys who did not see much action with the varsity.

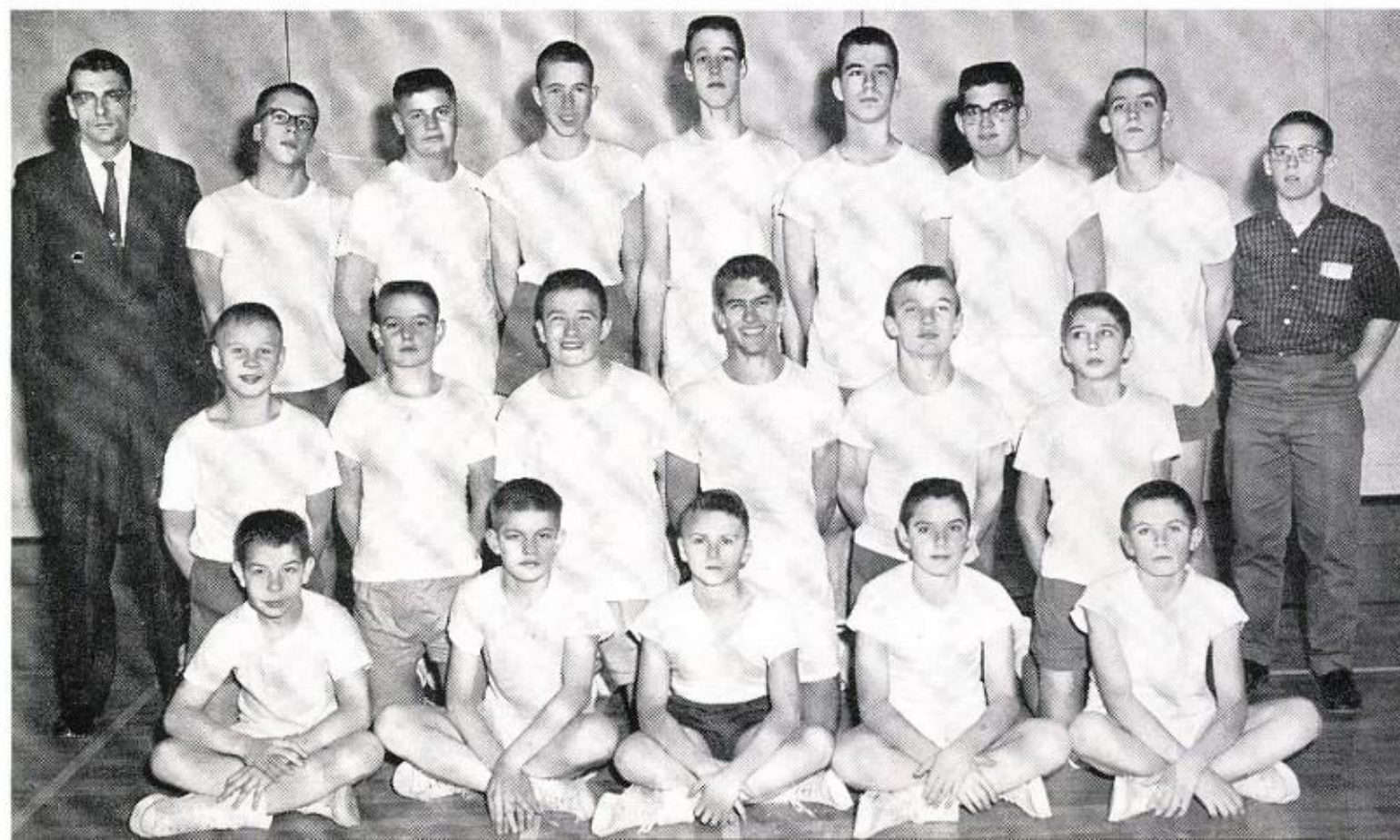
Delbert Gehrke and Bill Shirey were awarded major letters and all of the other boys received minor letters.

Freshman basketball played on Saturday mornings, gave twenty-two freshman boys the opportunity of participating in high school athletics. Seeing the most action during the year were Don Baker, Rich Becker, Jerry Donahue, Chris Goebel, Joe Loebach, Fred Wagner, Phil Wood and Richard Bohn.

Rich Becker was elected captain of the squad by his teammates. High point man was Phil Wood with 114, and Don Baker had the best free throw percentage for the season.

The team had a none too successful season winning four and losing six. Victories were scored over Princeton, St. Bede, Amboy, and Marseilles on the home floor. Their defeats were to Ottawa twice, Princeton, Streator, Marquette, and Rochelle. Although the record is not too impressive, the boys gained experience and knowledge which will make them valuable additions to the Frosh-Soph team next year.

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL — BACK ROW: Mr. Morgan, coach; C. Goebel, R. Bohn, J. Hampton, D. Carnahan, J. Donahue, W. Wheeler, D. Baker, J. Pohl, Manager; MIDDLE ROW: J. Sams, P. Wagner, R. Becker, R. Wagner, R. Fischer, C. Copper; FIRST ROW: T. Guilloyle, B. Smith, F. Davis, J. Kostouros, J. Thomson; ABSENT: R. Weitzel, M. Beardsley, J. Loebach, P. Wood.





GOLF—LEFT TO RIGHT: M. Kerns, W. Shirey, D. Schmehr, M. Marmion, W. Marmion, M. Heidmann, C. Copper, J. Phalen, Mr. Waity, Coach, R. Grey, E. Sawin, W. Whitmore, L. Brewbaker, D. Carnahan, R. Jacob, W. Schmehr; ABSENT: V. Kazlowski, S. Carlson, R. Rose, G. Leiser, D. Roegner, D. Murdock.

Golf is a growing spring sport

IN ITS SECOND YEAR at MHS, golf is gaining popularity. This is shown by the increased number of boys out this spring. This year Mendota should be able to have a fine season as five lettermen are returning. They are: Bill Marmion, Dave Schmehr, Ron Jacob, Wayne Whitmore, and Gary Leiser. When this page was sent to press our golf team had had one meet. In a close match, Rochelle won 6-4. Mendota's second team was defeated 8-2. There were five MHS players on each team. The point totals are two each for W. Whitmore, W. Marmion, and J. Phalen.

IT MIGHT BE MENTIONED that another spring sport, baseball, has never been popular at Mendota. It is mentioned in the 1911 Atodnem, but with only the statement that "owing to the inclemency of the weather, we have had but one baseball game this spring."

MABS give sports a boost

IN THE SPRING of 1946 the MABS organization was first organized. The club was originated and the name of the Mendota Athletic Booster Society was suggested by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Faber and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Serup. The purpose of the society is to support, sustain, advance, promote and encourage athletic events and sportsmanship in the community. Through the excellent cooperation of all officers, coaches and the public, this society has grown to be one of the most active athletic booster clubs in existence today.

One of the many promotions sponsored by the MABS since its start is the annual MHS athletic banquet honoring the school's athletes as guests. The MABS also provide programs at athletic events. They helped design and construct the football scoreboard at the football field and also helped get enough funds for new and bigger bleachers.

STANDING: Robert Beals, Lloyd Doenier, Robert Masters, Ken Gehler, Bill Brown, Jerry Wood, J. W. Price. SEATED: Rev. Anderson, Ken Butler, Pete Elliot, Ted Lewis, Jim Valek. The picture was taken at the 1961 MABS banquet. Pete Elliot, Coach at the University of Illinois, was guest speaker.





TRACK AND FIELD as a sport was not started at Mendota High School until the spring of 1920. Clarence Jack was coach. The records as established by the 1921 track and field team are printed below. The oldest standing record for many years was John Buck's 220 yd. dash of 23 seconds flat. MHS boys tried unsuccessfully for 39 years to break this record; then in 1959 Bill Leiser broke it with a time of 22.7.

In 1939 Don Whitmore won the state championship in javelin. Since the event was later outruled, this is a record that will stand.

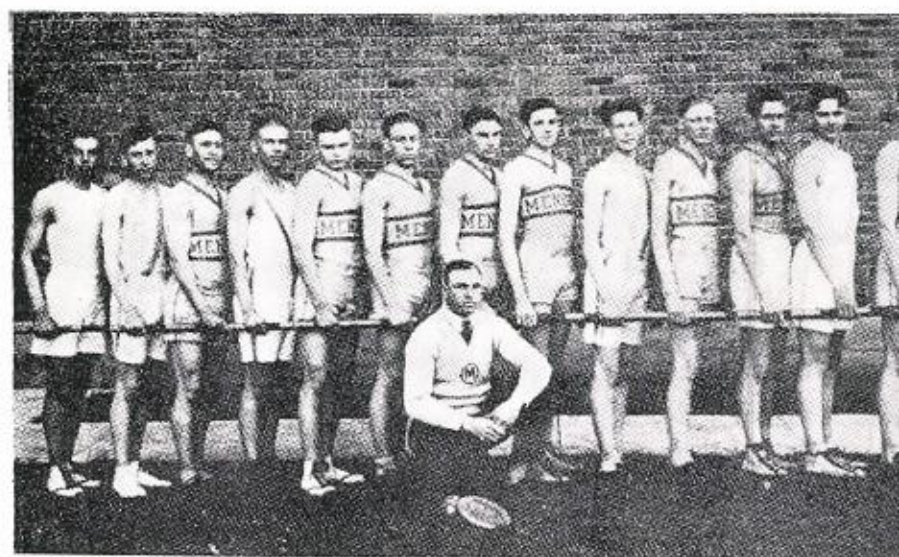
The teams of '46, '47, and '48 were outstanding. Four school records were broken each year, and each year MHS contestants qualified to go to State. In '46 these were: Jim Schmitt (discus), Jerry Stremlau (440), and Roger Butler (pole vault). Eldon Prather and the relay team (Brewbaker, Prather, Stremlau and Arthurs) starred in that year also. In '47 four qualified to go to State: Don Serup, Dave Westerman, Roger Butler, and Wallace Hawke. Hawke tied for first place at the State with a record-breaking 12 ft. 3 in. vault. In '48 MHS took second in the District and Conference meets. The relay team (Brewbaker, Faber, Westerman, Serup) and Jim Hickok in pole vault went to State.

MHS has had two other state champs to complete its list of four. In 1955 Norman Ehlers won the discus, and in 1956 Bill Brown won the shot put. Both Ehlers and Brown have starred on the University of Illinois track teams.

Records are made to be broken. We regret that it is impossible to name every winner and star. MHS has reason to be proud of many.

1921 TRACK AND FIELD RECORDS

50 yard dash	John Buck	5.8
100 yard dash	John Buck	10.6
220 yard dash	John Buck	23.0
440 yard dash	Gib Truckenbrod	56.8
880 yard run	Ted Nieman	2:25.4
Mile run	Leo Guilfoyle	4:46.4
220 Yard low hurdles	John Buck	25.0
Pole Vault	Dick Smith	9'10"
High Jump	Gib Blotch	5'4"
Broad Jump	Gib Blotch	19'3"
Discus	Don Williams	96'9 1/4"
Shot Put	Clayton Truckenbrod	34'2"
Javelin	Dick Smith	132'8"
880 Yard relay	G. Blotch, J. Buck, H. Esterday, D. Smith	1:40.0



OUR FIRST TRACK TEAM was started in 1920. This is the 1921 team that set the records printed below at left. In the 1921 annual, the members in this picture were not individually identified, but included are Coach Jack, Smith, Buck, Esterday, Guilfoyle, G. Truckenbrod, T. Nieman, C. Truckenbrod, Blotch, Williams, Knauer, Madden, Massey.

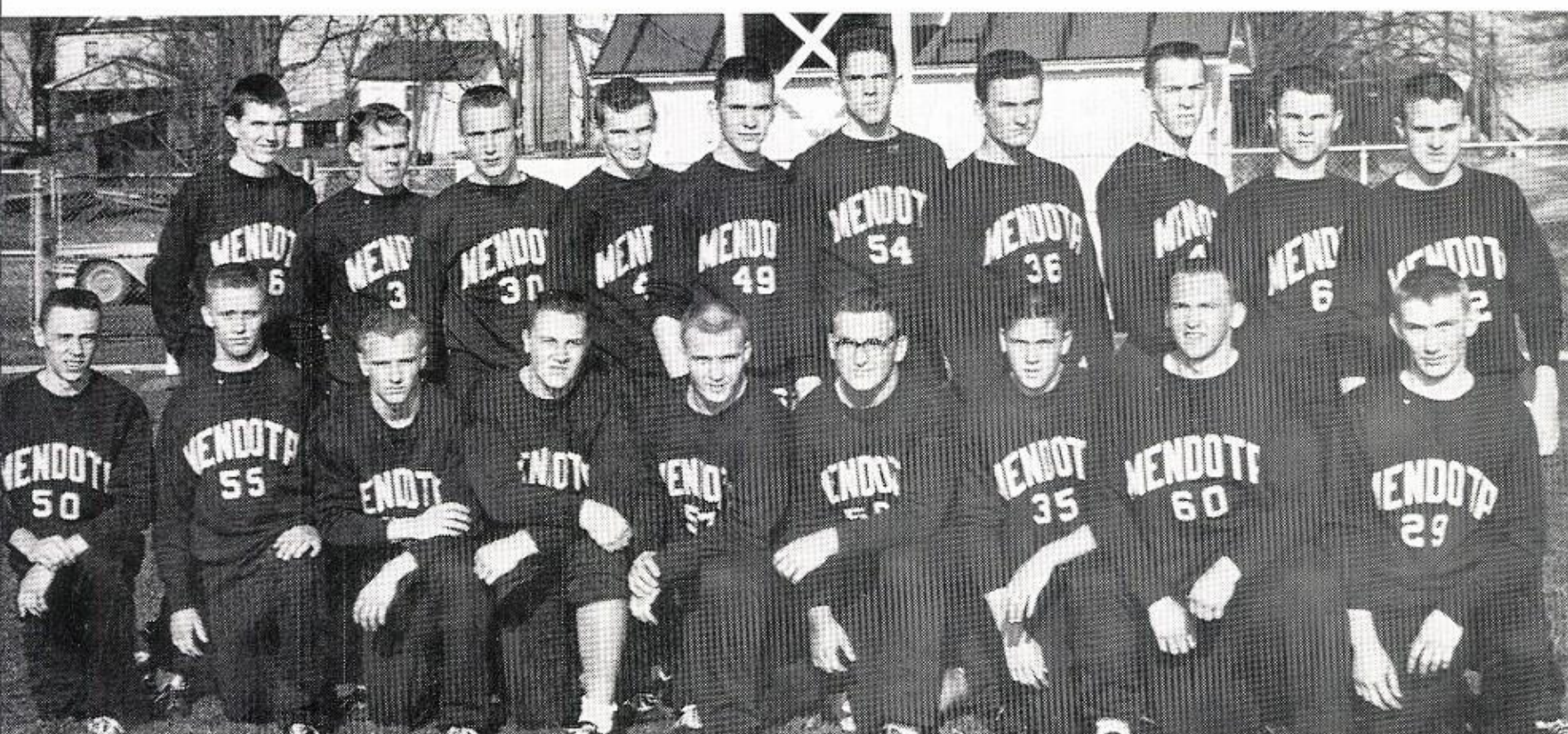
CURRENT TRACK RECORDS Through April 27, 1961

100 Yard dash	10.2	L. Reeder	1938
		D. Westerman	1948
		A. Richard	1949
		J. Brown	1953 & 1955
220 Yard dash	22.7	B. Leiser	1959
440 Yard dash	51.0	D. Serup	1948
880 Yard dash	1:59.3	B. Stremlau	1956
Mile Run	4:40.0	R. Larkin	1941
120 yd. HH	15.6	P. Faber	1947
200 yd. LH	22.4	D. Westerman	1957
180 yd. LH	21.4	A. Merriman	1957
Pole Vault	12'4"	W. Hawke	1947
		STATE CHAMP	
High Jump	6'1"	L. Dunn	1952
Shot Put	58'7 5/8"	B. Brown	1957
		'56 STATE CHAMP	
Broad Jump	21'5 3/4"	B. Brown	1957
Discus	162' 10"	N. Ehlers	1955
		STATE CHAMP	
880 Relay	1:33.4	R. Jauch	1955
		A. Goslin	
		R. McMahon	
		J. Brown	
Javelin	200'	D. Whitmore	1939
		STATE CHAMP	
Mile Relay	3:34.5	J. Virgil	1959
		T. Truckenbrod	
		J. Mahar	
		J. Bradshaw	

IN 1948 the relay team and Jim Hickok (pole vault) went to State. Shown kneeling are Coach Lewis, Lamar Brewbaker, Don Serup, Pen Faber, Jim Hickok, Dave Westerman, and Coach Doenier. Manager Ronnie Losee stands in the rear. The relay team copped the trophy at the Conference meet.

WALLACE HAWKE, State Pole Vault Champ, 1947.





MHS VARSITY TRACK SQUAD—STANDING: G. Cassidy, R. Radtke, J. Goebel, C. Beeley, D. Miller, K. Carnahan, C. Beardsley, B. Munson, K. Althaus, R. Johnson; KNEELING: J. Piccatto, J. Vogelsang, D. Jones, W. Piller, B. Motter, M. Dickey, J. Ruberg, D. Gehrke, J. O'Sadnick; ABSENT: E. Hanson, D. Stremlau, R. Weitzel.

Track season — 1961

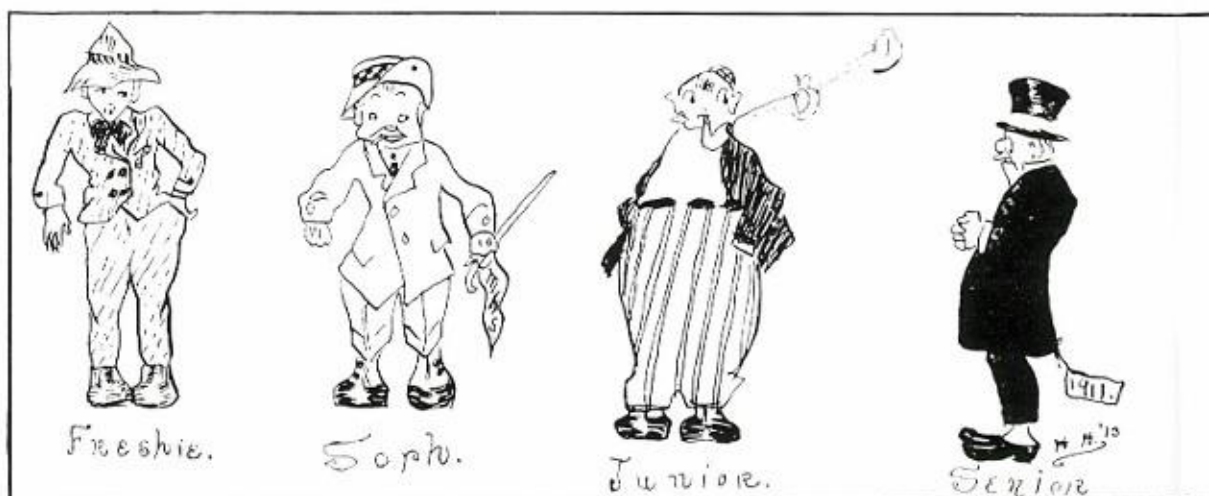
ALTHOUGH it is too early to predict the outcome of this year's track season, MHS is expected to be a top contender. The team is loaded with potential and has the ability and desire to use it. This year's track coach, Bob Beals who is in his first year of coaching at MHS, is well experienced in handling boys. He is assisted by Don Gooden and Herb Rieke. These three coaches have given a lot of time and effort to the training and development of the thinclads. Some of the returning lettermen are Bill Motter, Delbert Gehrke, Jim Goebel, and Duane Stremlau. With the coaches and players working together, we can expect a winning season.

MHS FROSH-SOPH THINCLADS—STANDING: B. Higgins, R. Cardot, L. Snyder, P. Marmion, J. Musick, D. Baker, P. Wood, J. Donahue, J. Becket, J. Cassidy, S. Dancey, C. Goebel, F. Wagner; KNEELING: J. Sams, R. Medlar, D. Davis, J. Larsen, D. Long, S. Jacobs, R. Sander, D. Sondgeroth, B. Roth, manager; R. Truckenbrod; ABSENT: R. Gallagher, J. Goebel, R. Keyt.



Class of 1911

Biographical sketches of our Anniversary Class



THIS is a reproduction of one of several drawings Helen Hokinson, sophomore, did for the first ATODNEM.

GILBERT S. SCHALLER

President. B.H.S.; Baseball, '10, '11; Business Manager ATODNEM; "Ikey."

Gilbert S. Schaller attended the University of Illinois and graduated with a B. S. degree in Mechanical Engineering. He then attended University of Washington where he received his Master of Business Administration degree. He has been employed with Kawneer Manufacturing Company, Western Gear Corporation, Webster-Brinkley Manufacturing, H. D. Conkey Company, and Seattle-Tacoma Shipbuilders. He was Bonneville Power Administrator and is now a professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Washington. In 1919 he married Florence Ellen Kern; they have two children, John and Gilbert. Mr. Schaller is a member of the Tau Beta Pi, an honorary engineering fraternity, and Sigma Xi, an honorary science fraternity. He has held office in many organizations, is a member of several professional societies, and is a member of the Rainier Club in Seattle.

FORREST F. FAHLER

Vice President. E.M.H.S.; Football treasurer, '10.

Forrest Fahler was a partner in the Fahler Garage from 1911 to 1934 and a partner in the Fahler Oil Company from 1925 to 1959. He now is retired. In 1921 he married Edith M. Powell. They have a son and daughter, Charles and Marjorie. Mr. Fahler is a member of the American Legion, Kiwanis Club, Methodist Church and the Antique Automobile Club.

EDITH M. HOLLISTON

Secretary. E.M.H.S.; Alumni editor of the ATODNEM.

Edith Holliston was engaged in Red Cross work during the First World War. She also attended summer school at DeKalb and was a substitute teacher. In 1919 she married Harry J. Fahler. They have one child, Howard O'Neill. She has been employed as a bookkeeper for the Mendota National Bank and in the office at the Fahler Oil Company. She has been a volunteer worker at the hospital and has been engaged in the cancer research drive. She is an active member of the Methodist Church. She is presently a homemaker.

RUTH CRANDALL

Treasurer. E.M.H.S.; Art editor, ATODNEM; Vice president Junior class, '09-'10.

Ruth Crandall married Glen P. Lamberton in 1912. They have two children, Dorothy and Lois. Presently she is a homemaker in San Bernardino, Calif. She is a member of the Woman's Club and is active in Church activities.

ELMER G. FEIK

E.M.H.S.; President Junior class, '09-'10; Editor-in-chief ATODNEM; "Nebby."

Elmer G. Feik married Hilda Herbert in 1915. They have one daughter Lois. He was a member of the Grade School Board from 1933 to 1946. In 1940 he made the trip with the band to New York to the World's Fair. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Masonic Lodge. From 1956 to 1960 he was chairman of the Bloodmobile. Mr. Feik is responsible for suggesting the name ATODNEM for the yearbook.

ROBERT S. BLACK

B.H.S.; Football '07, '08, '09 '10; Baseball, '09, '10, '11; Treasurer, '11; Basketball, '10, '11; Athletic editor ATODNEM; "Bob."

Robert Black graduated from the University of Illinois with a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering. He served in the First World War as a lieutenant in the C.A.C. He was married to Florence Oettinger in 1920. He had one child Marjorie. Mr. Black was president of Black Brothers Company, past Master of Masonic Order, and Commander of American Legion. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. Among his many civic contributions he along with his brother, John, donated the equipment for the X-ray room at the Mendota Community Hospital. He passed away in 1957.

FLORENCE H. OETTINGER

B.H.S.; Basketball, '10-'11.

Florence Oettinger after graduation attended DeKalb Teachers' College from which she graduated in 1917. She then took extension work in English at the University of Chicago. Following her education she taught in country schools and in Oak Park. She married Robert S. Black in 1920. She has one child, Marjorie. Mrs. Black is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, Eastern Star, Woman's Club, and the White Shrine. She now is the vice-president of Black Brothers Company.

JOHN H. FABER

B.H.S. Football, '07, '08; Captain, '09, '10; Baseball, '09, '10, Captain, '11; Basketball, '10-'11; "Jack."

John Faber attended Brown's Business College at Ottawa. Following graduation he was employed as a stenographer at Certainteed Manufacturing Company. In 1918 he was married to Hazel Phalen. They have three children: Donald, Robert, and James. He presently is a rural mail carrier. He is a member of the Elks, Mabs, and the Rural Mail Carriers Association.

FLOYD MILLER

E.M.H.S.

Floyd Miller has been engaged in farming for many years. In January 1961, he married M. Eleanor Martin. He has been a member of the Troy Grove School Board for 24 years. He is a member of the order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, order of the Eastern Star, the Shiloh Lodge, the AF and AM of Troy Grove and the R.A.M.

LEO KRAUSSE

Troy Grove High School, '10; Baseball, '11; Editor Humorous Department ATODNEM.

Leo J. Krausse married Marquerite Moore in 1916. They had one child Warren Lee. Mr. Krausse was graduated from Knox College with a B.A. degree. Following graduation from Knox he attended the University of Illinois one year. He was employed as an English instructor at Harvard, Illinois, purchasing agent of Hunt, Helm and Ferris at Harvard. He also was a salesman with Commonwealth Edison Company. He was a member of the brokerage firm, Hunter, Platt and Pletscher, New York at the time of his death in 1942.

FLORENCE GOODWIN

B.H.S.; Baseball, '09-'10; Literary editor ATODNEM.

Florence Goodwin graduated from Chicago Piano College and the American Conservatory of Music. She then taught music in the public schools and gave piano instructions. She presently is an organist at the United Presbyterian Church. She is a member of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, music chairman for the Woman's Club; she is a Gray Lady at the Community Hospital, secretary of the Hospital Auxiliary and a member of the study and discussion circles of United Presbyterian Church.

PAULINE SCOTT

B.H.S.; Basketball, '09, '10; Athletic Editor ATODNEM.

Pauline Scott is now living in Glendale, California. She was contacted by the staff, but no information about her has been returned.

ELLA LEIFHEIT

E.M.H.S.; Basketball, '10-'11.

Ella Leifheit studied elementary education at Northern Illinois University. She taught in rural schools and was principal of Harding High School. She also worked in the County Superintendent's Office in Ottawa. She married Louis Larson in 1922 and has four daughters—Ellen, Grace, Greta, and Elaine. She is a member of the Woman's Club, Lincoln P. T. A. and the Band Parents Association.

ALBERT MCGINNIS

B.H.S.; "Mac."

Albert Henry McGinnis served in the S.A.T.C. in the First World War. In 1920 he was married to Beatrice Haley. He then took up farming after one year of agricultural study at the University of Illinois. He was a member of the American Legion. Albert McGinnis passed away in 1958.

EARL KEELER

E.M.H.S.; Baseball, '11; Football, '10.

Earl Keeler married Bessie E. Moore. He was engaged locally in farming but is presently retired.

VIOLA FINLEY

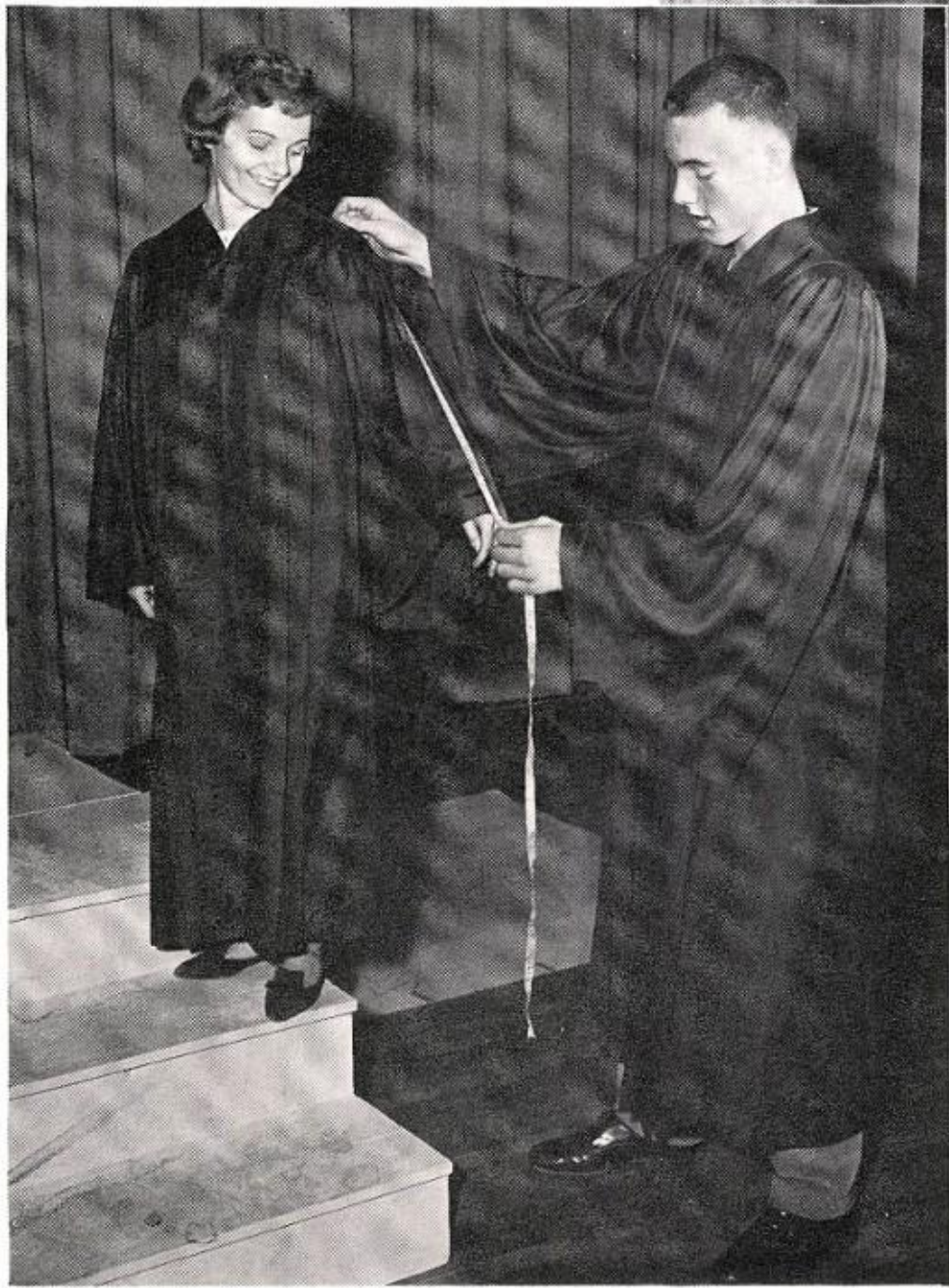
E.M.H.S.

Viola Finley married Oscar Lorenzo and now resides in Portland, Oregon. She was contacted, but no information was received.

WORTHY SENIORS (pictured on opposite page): Boys, left to right: Gilbert Schaller, Forrest Fahler, John Faber, Floyd Miller, Albert McGinnis, Leo Krausse, Earl Keeler, Robert Black, Elmer Feik; Girls, second row: Edith Holliston, Ella Leifheit, Viola Finley, Florence Oettinger; First row: Ruth Crandall, Pauline Scott, Florence Goodwin.



STUDENTS,
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Class of 1912

Edward Alexander President
 Harold Dudgeon Vice-President
 Myrtle Carr Secretary
 Clarence Potter Treasurer

TOP ROW: J. Madden, H. Dudgeon, C. Potter, G. Shepherd, E. Alexander; SECOND ROW: E. Kilmartin, L. Kutter, C. Dudgeon, H. Tower, G. Retz, C. Stommel, C. Tower; BOTTOM ROW: M. Carr, E. Berg, F. Schnuckle, E. Billhorn, L. Fritz.



Class of 1913

Arthur Proehl President
 Julian Erbes Vice-President
 Lester Geiger Secretary
 Pearl Faber Treasurer

TOP ROW: V. Tower, L. Geiger, R. Anschicks, A. Proehl, A. Thurston, J. Erbes, J. Hurlbut, W. Faber, E. Cummings; SECOND ROW: M. Stoldorf, P. Faber, H. Truckenbrod, E. Faber, H. Hensler, F. Keeler, M. Brown, M. Vogler; BOTTOM ROW: H. Hokinson, M. Cavell, F. Greenbaum, S. Preston, C. Thomassen, M. Crawford.

Class of 1914

Ralph Bailey President
 Leroy Murphy Vice-President
 Mildred Hawley Secretary
 Dorothy Davenport Treasurer

TOP ROW: W. Cannon, M. Shaw, E. Henning, S. Corbus, R. Bailey, A. Leitheit, L. Murphy, J. Hart, E. Gephart; SECOND ROW: M. Hart, M. Hawley, D. Lynds, B. Brown, E. Fritz, C. Schaller, B. Brown, L. Slonaker, D. Davenport; THIRD ROW: L. Baumgartner, F. Hensler, E. Price, E. Dierwechter, Miss Simington, M. Baumgartner, L. Lefelman, H. Shaw, I. Kleinfelter; BOTTOM ROW: F. Decker, L. Oberhelman, P. Alexander, E. Beitsch.





FIFTY wonderful years at MHS! For half a century class officers have plotted, planned parties, raised money and led their classes through the various scheduled activities. Each year the momentous decisions regarding class colors, rings, Prom themes, and Class Day have been met and made in the clear certainty that each respective class was the best ever to attend MHS and surely the most destined for everlasting fame.



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Cheryl Koerper, secretary-treasurer; Sue Carlson, vice-president; Tom Schmidt, president.

Class leaders plan interesting and varied activities

JUNIOR CLASS STEERING COMMITTEE

BACK ROW: C. Ciorba, M. Kerns, D. T. Miller, J. Herbert; **MIDDLE ROW:** G. Moss, S. Carlson, B. Rollins, C. Koerper; **FRONT ROW:** T. Schmidt, C. Ambler.



UPPERCLASSMEN at last, the juniors entered more activities than ever. The largest event of the year was the Prom. Hard work precedes the moments to remember as the class officers and steering committee found true. The students of the junior class spent many hours after school planning for this big event. The theme, decorations, and entertainment were just a few things they had to arrange for.

Helping with the other school events were the Student Council members: Mike Hinkle, Mary Campbell, Amy Kuehl, Cheryl Walton, Cheryl Andrews, and Peggy O'Neill. These people along with the other council members did an exceptionally good job on Homecoming this year. The attendants chosen to represent the Class of '62 were Ruth Ann Keefe and Dick Jones.

The class treasury was increased with hard work and determination. The juniors sponsored many projects, the largest of which was the class play. The junior advisors, who consisted of Mr. Hagen, the chairman, Mr. Warren, Mrs. Haines, Miss Unakis, Mr. DiPietro, Mr. Rieke, Miss Moore, and Mr. Beals gave invaluable assistance to the class in all the projects undertaken during the year.

SOPHOMORES, with a year of high school experience, began their second term at MHS with enthusiasm and expectations of what was ahead! They were led throughout the year by the officers and the Student Council members: Kathy Piller, Dave Murdock, John Larsen, Karen Handley, and Jeanne Biers.

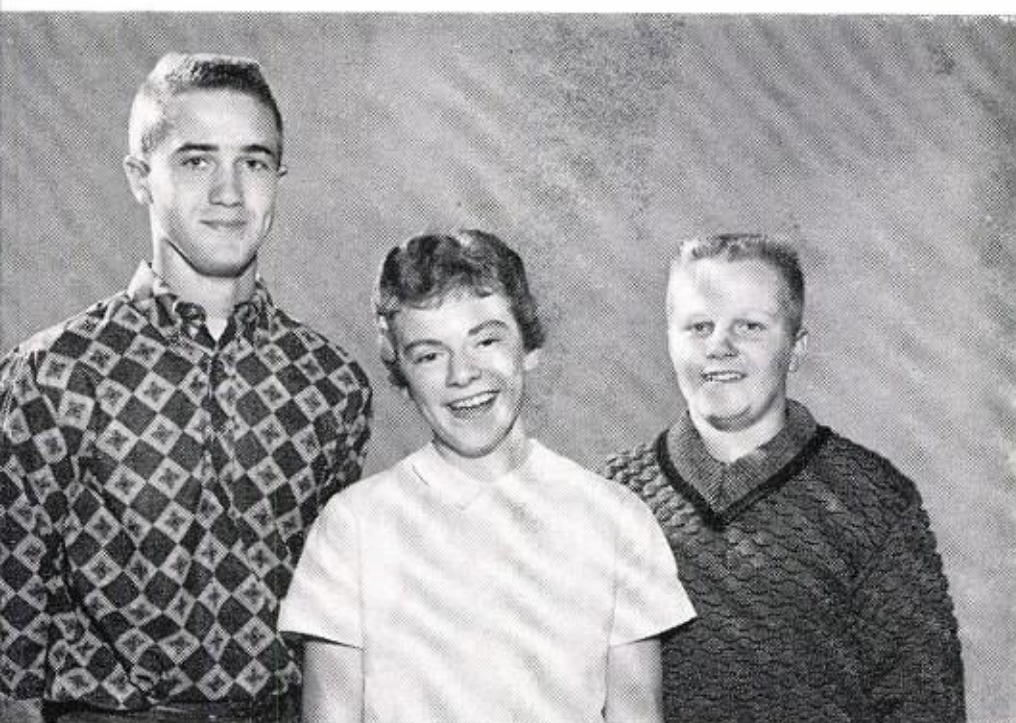
Homecoming festivities brought excitement and fun, especially to the sophomore attendants, Kathy Schmidt and Scotty Jacobs. The biggest thrill of the year was that of selecting class rings. The sophs voted and then anxiously awaited the arrival of their rings in March. Magazine sales and record dances swelled the treasury.

Acting as advisors, Mr. Waity, chairman, Mr. Gehler, Mr. Rollins, Mrs. Fischer, Mrs. Boner, Mr. Booker, Mrs. Lipke, and Mr. Gooden helped the sophomores to have a successful year.



SOPHOMORE RING COMMITTEE

BACK ROW: D. Sondgeroth, K. Handley, B. Weber, C. Rich, K. Corrigan; FRONT ROW: D. Avery, G. Smith, S. Jacobs, R. Medlar; ABSENT: D. Kettleborough.



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

Scotty Jacobs, president; Diana Sondgeroth, secretary-treasurer; Don Avery, vice-president.

THE FRESHMEN started off their first year with puzzled expressions of bewilderment. They soon adapted themselves and got into the swing of things by electing class officers. Kathy Goebel, Kay Althaus, David Ulch, and Paul Wagner were chosen as Student Council members.

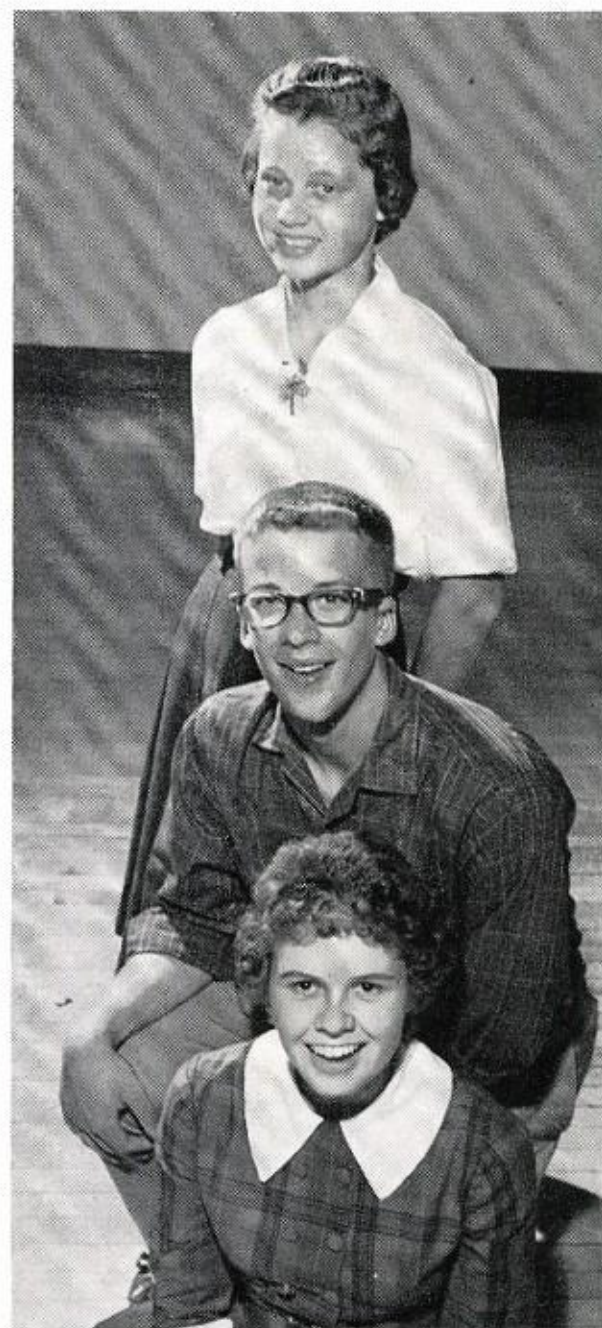
They readily learned of the fun to be had at MHS. With the excitement and expectation of Homecoming, they chose Cheri Garrison and Phil Wood as attendants.

To build up the class treasury, the energetic frosh once again came in highest in magazine sales.

Wonderful guidance and co-operation were received from their advisors: Mr. Redman, chairman, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Bender, Mr. Morris, Miss Strouss, Mr. Morgan, and Miss Horsky.

FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS

Carole Radtke, vice-president
Chris Goebel, president
Carol Donahue, secretary-treasurer



The freshmen begin to fill treasure chests of golden



MR. LEWIS' HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: M. L. Klinefelter, B. Johnson, J. Loebach, Mr. Lewis, Advisor, P. Maher, P. Marmion, J. Johns, B. Kessler; THIRD ROW: S. Mahar, M. Marmion, J. Jones, B. Landers, B. Higgins, R. Kutter, C. Kreiser; SECOND ROW: S. Kettleborough, W. Katzwinkel, D. Klein, P. Mann, R. Kazlowski, M. J. Klinefelter, C. Knopp; FRONT ROW: F. Holland, M. Johnson, J. Lawler, B. Kessinger, J. Kostouros.



MR. MORRIS' HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: S. Masear, J. Musick, D. Parks, D. Mathesius, Mr. Morris, Advisor, N. Olson, L. Michel, D. Pohl; THIRD ROW: J. Michel, L. Nunley, M. Mathesius, G. Pitstick, A. Possley, D. Moss, D. Meade; SECOND ROW: M. Olesen, M. K. Olson, C. Phalen, D. Merriman, M. L. Olson, D. Merriman; FRONT ROW: K. Miller, J. Pohl, M. Piller.

MHS memories

MR. MORGAN'S HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: J. Wheeler, D. Von Drehle, J. Walker, Mr. Morgan, Advisor, P. Wood, R. Weitzel, F. Wagner; THIRD ROW: D. Yost, P. Wagner, K. Werling, E. Vergin, E. Wilcox, L. Wittgan; SECOND ROW: S. Wehmeyer, B. Yohn, J. Walzer, R. Wentz, R. Zolper; FRONT ROW: L. Wood, B. Vincent, J. Weiler, E. Weiler.



MRS. BENDER'S HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: R. Cardot, G. Donahue, D. Carnahan, L. Clark, S. Dancy, G. Cunningham, Mrs. Bender, Advisor; THIRD ROW: M. Coffey, M. Christensen, M. Eich, C. Donahue, C. Carter, D. Druen; SECOND ROW: C. Copper, J. Cassidy, J. Dinges, N. Eich, C. Clinite, B. Clines; FRONT ROW: T. Davis, F. Dawes, B. Carlson; Absent: R. Callahan.



Class of 1964

MISS STROUSS' HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: S. Reeser, C. Scheidenhelm, P. Scott, L. Scheidenhelm, J. Schwarz, R. Setchell, M. Sims, Miss Strouss, Advisor; THIRD ROW: P. Schmidt, J. Sibigroth, M. Schmidt, R. Rose, D. Schmidt, D. Price; SECOND ROW: B. Sheridan, J. Sams, L. Roth, P. Schmidt, N. Rich; FRONT ROW: J. Sheridan, C. Radtke, M. Pullen, S. Schultz; ABSENT: K. Scheidenhelm, B. Smith.



MR. RICHARDSON'S HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: J. Hanson, C. Goebel, J. Hampton, Mr. Richardson, Advisor, J. Erbes, G. Fountain, S. Erwin; THIRD ROW: C. Garrison, C. Foster, R. Gregory, V. Funsinn, C. Harris, R. Fischer, L. Henkel; SECOND ROW: B. Hash, J. Flaherty, S. Gehant, J. Ellis, K. Goebel, M. Frey; FRONT ROW: J. Elston, P. Gillette, S. Hamann, T. Guilfoyle.

spends long hours preparing Lincoln projects

MISS HORSKY'S HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: K. Stauth, P. Tower, D. Sondgeroth, E. Thomas, L. Snyder, R. Tastad, R. Truckenbrod, Miss Horsky, Advisor; THIRD ROW: D. Smith, K. Sondgeroth, D. Ulth, T. Thompson, R. Swisher, E. Steele; SECOND ROW: W. Stamberger, K. Starks, E. Smith, A. Tolan, C. Van Meter; FRONT ROW: J. Thomson, B. Trout, T. Studebaker, A. Steele.



MR. REDMAN'S HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: G. Becket, M. Beardsley, J. Bentley, Mr. Redman, Advisor, R. Bohn, K. Althaus, D. Baker; THIRD ROW: A. Beetz, R. Becker, C. Brokaw, R. Burkart, P. Ambler; SECOND ROW: L. Bunton, J. Beetz, P. Borelli, N. Barrett, J. Baker; FIRST ROW: G. Bauer, B. Hash, B. Ashcraft, M. Bauer; ABSENT: K. Becker.



Sophomores find that choosing a class ring requires



MRS. LIPKE'S HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: Mrs. Lipke, Advisor. K. Stauth, J. Swope, B. Smith, G. Smith, L. Stamberger; THIRD ROW: G. Skaggs, G. Tower, M. A. Stuber, M. Simpson, R. Spanier, G. Sutton; SECOND ROW: S. Stauth, R. Schwemlein, R. Sheridan, J. Stremlau, D. Sondgeroth; FRONT ROW: M. S. Stuber, A. Setchell, Y. Sondgeroth.



MRS. BONER'S HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: Mrs. Boner, Advisor. D. Murdock, D. Long, T. Neal, J. Larsen, R. Minor; THIRD ROW: M. Marshall, J. O'Sadnick, E. Mitchell, J. Menzel, C. Nelson, J. Leiser; SECOND ROW: R. Medlar, K. Piller, B. Lindenmier, L. McLaughlin; FRONT ROW: W. McLaughlin, D. Mathesius, M. Parsons.

consideration

MR. GEHLER'S HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: J. Goebel, W. Hanson, Mr. Gehler, Advisor, R. Haley, R. Heinzeroth; THIRD ROW: L. Haun, R. Gullion, N. Gallagher, B. Greskiwcz, R. Gillette; SECOND ROW: K. Handley, R. Gallagher, R. Gray, H. Graff; FRONT ROW: G. Harmon, C. Hahn, S. Gilmore.



MR. ROLLINS' HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: S. Jacobs, K. Klein, Mr. Rollins, Advisor, R. Keyt, D. Jackson, M. Hochstatter; THIRD ROW: K. Howardson, S. Jones, M. Kaiser, R. Jauch; SECOND ROW: R. Kent, R. Jacob, J. Jordal, D. Kettleborough; FRONT ROW: B. Hopps, J. Heitz, A. Jahr; ABSENT: J. Katzwinkel.

Class of 1963



MR. GOODEN'S HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: G. Schmidt, T. Schmitt, A. Schammel, T. Pohl, L. Schlesinger; THIRD ROW: R. Sander, W. Rider, D. Rickard, W. Schmehr, K. Reger; SECOND ROW: L. Prather, C. Rich, G. Richey, K. Saylor, B. Rogers; FRONT ROW: R. Roth, S. Poisel, J. Richards, K. Schmidt; ABSENT: Mr. Gooden, Advisor.



MRS. FISCHER'S HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: B. Zimmerlein, S. Worsley, D. Zinke, D. Wujack, T. Yost, Mrs. Fischer, Advisor; THIRD ROW: W. Whitmore, J. Walters, C. Zinke, H. Williams, D. Worsley, S. Wilson; SECOND ROW: C. Wright, C. Zimmerman, M. Vickrev, L. Worsley, B. Weber; FRONT ROW: D. Woods, L. Weiler, B. Untz, J. Zinke; ABSENT: N. Winner.

cheered winning teams and were proud of Willie

MR. WAITY'S HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: D. Brown, L. Booth, G. Cassidy, Mr. Waity, Advisor, L. Brewbaker, J. Betz, C. Bodmer; THIRD ROW: N. Alshouse, C. Carr, J. Caldwell, B. Biers, B. Beemer; SECOND ROW: J. Baker, R. Bumba, C. Bagley, D. Avery; FRONT ROW: E. Booth, R. Bickett, C. Burley, J. Biers.



MR. BOOKER'S HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: D. Dilbeck, J. Danekas, R. Eggers, J. Christmann, D. Frey, C. Donovan, Mr. Booker, Advisor; THIRD ROW: E. Emerick, C. Daw, J. Cline, L. Deaner, D. Donovan, B. Despain, D. Davis; SECOND ROW: J. Flaherty, K. Corrigan, W. Donovan, K. Corrigan, P. Chandler, L. Egler; FRONT ROW: J. Eich, J. Dinges, A. Druen, J. Funtinn.



Juniors put their "Best Foot Foreward" as they gave



MR. HAGEN'S HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: D. T. Miller, L. Mathesius, F. Mann, Mr. Hagen, Advisor, R. Menzel, R. Michel; THIRD ROW: G. Momeny, B. Metzen, L. Miller, L. Loebach, M. Mathesius; SECOND ROW: A. Mellott, N. Longbein, K. Montavon, T. Lobbins; FRONT ROW: R. Maus, P. Masear, M. Mellott, ABSENT: D. Miller.



MISS UNAKIS' HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: R. Jones, V. Kazlowski, M. Kerns, R. Johnson, J. Kern, Miss Unakis, Advisor; THIRD ROW: A. Kerns, R. Keefe, R. Kidd, P. Kretz, A. Kuehl; SECOND ROW: S. Klein, C. Koerper, B. Larabee, L. King; FRONT ROW: K. Kostouros, M. Lau, S. Kerchner, L. Ladenburger.

their class play

MR. WARREN'S HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: Mr. Warren, Advisor, R. Myers, R. Radtke, W. Motter, J. Phalen; THIRD ROW: M. Moss, G. Moss, C. Neff, C. McLaughlin, B. Rider; SECCND ROW: J. Richards, M. Myers, B. Pfeiffer, P. O'Neill; FRONT ROW: T. Poisel, H. Ossman, ABSENT: K. Phillips, B. Palmatier.



MR. DI PIETRO'S HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: C. Walton, J. Trout, D. Weber, Mr. Di Pietro, Advisor, T. Untz, W. Williams; THIRD ROW: K. Davis, R. Vickrey, J. Vogelsang, F. Wagner, J. Weber, J. Chaon; SECOND ROW: C. Wever, J. Wells, K. Walker, A. Tower, D. Zimmerman; FRONT ROW: W. Woods, K. Zimmerman, J. Zinke.

Class of 1962



MISS MOORE'S HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: J. Dalton, G. Fransen, C. Ciorba, J. Engle, Miss Moore, Advisor; THIRD ROW: M. Davis, L. Eddy, R. Elsesser, P. Donahue, R. Engels; SECOND ROW: C. Faulk, H. Despaigne, L. Fischer, J. Fenwick; FIRST ROW: F. Elliott, M. Cotton, S. Dean; ABSENT: T. Czubachowski.



MR. RIEKE'S HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: C. Betz, W. Biers, G. Barth, Mr. Rieke, Advisor, R. Bauer, L. Barrett; THIRD ROW: C. Cesar, M. Campbell, D. Bodmer, C. Ambler, C. Archer; SECOND ROW: C. Andrews, V. Becker, J. Beetz, S. Barbre; FRONT ROW: A. Bauer, G. Baumann, S. Carlson.

chose "Sayonara" as the theme for their first prom

MR. BEALS' HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: R. Hilst, J. Herbert, M. Heidmann, N. Greisen, J. Hartt, Mr. Beals, Advisor; THIRD ROW: N. Guilfoyle, M. Hinkle, L. Henkel, J. Huss, B. Funfsinn; SECOND ROW: C. Funfsinn, B. Harmon, M. Gehant, B. Gray; FIRST ROW: K. Hartley, P. Isminger, P. Hoerner, M. Fuller.



MRS. HAINES' HOMEROOM

BACK ROW: D. Roegner, R. Scholl, J. Scott, W. Sams, J. Stein, Mrs. Haines, Advisor; THIRD ROW: J. Thompson, T. Schammel, T. Schmidt, W. Swisher, M. Smith; SECOND ROW: C. Schmitt, B. Rollins, G. Schmitz, S. Schammel; FRONT ROW: N. Sondgeroth, K. Shifflette, K. Smith, R. Stimac.



Senior history . . . Time will never erase the memory

With the finale of graduation rapidly drawing near, we find that the days and events of the past four years exist now only as wistful memories. Some occasions of delight, happiness, and sadness remain vague in our history; others we can recall as vividly as the moment they occurred. As we reminisce, we return to our first year and the day we first attended Mendota High, when we were first introduced to the many facets of student life by the Student Council. After we were oriented and accustomed to high school life, we elected class officers: Bill Marmion, president, Jim Goebel, vice-president, and Sandy Schiefelbein, secretary-treasurer. We also chose Adrienne Althaus, Moni Schultz, Joe Didier, and Craig Beardsley to represent us in the Student Council.

That fall we experienced our first Homecoming. For that first "big occasion" Judy Simpson and Delbert Gehrke were our freshman Homecoming attendants. We also discovered the hardships and satisfactions of building our first class float for the "big parade."

With the aid of Miss Dose, chairman, Mrs. Chenoweth, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Richardson, Miss Strouss, and Mr. Morris, our advisors, we were able to endure the many "firsts" encountered that year.

Our freshman year was also the year of the construction of the new additions; we studied to the beat of the airhammer. With scaffolds looming over us and the sound of engines ringing in our ears, we resigned from that never-forgotten year.

We returned from an all too short summer vacation to find the construction nearly complete. Cringing from the buzz of the saws, we entered the new and remodeled classrooms to discover painter diligently at work. In spite of the hardships, president Jim Goebel, vice-president Bonnie Price, and secretary-treasurer Kent Carnahan lead us successfully through our sophomore year. Karole Schofield and Steve Carlson were the newly elected Student Council members and served with the retained members, Adrienne Althaus, Craig Beardsley, and Joe Didier. Our sophomores gracing the Homecoming court were Peg Leamy and Duane Stremlau.

We sponsored several dances and sold many magazines, but one of our main projects of the year was selecting our class rings. Chosen to work with Mr. Richardson and the officers in selecting the styles were Bev Glaser, Mary Lipke, Joe Didier, and Walt Piller. Everyone awaited the later than usual arrival of the rings with impatience. When we finally received our class rings, all were delightfully contented with their own personal mark of a Trojan.

The other memorable event was the annual biology trip to Chicago. Drowsily we boarded buses for the early morning departure from MHS to visit Midway Airport, the Museum of Science and Industry, the Museum of Natural History, and the Shedd Aquarium. After the exciting though exhausting experience, many tired but happy students stepped off the bus that evening.

Our activities were well supervised by our advisors: Mr. Richardson, chairman, Miss Dose, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Morris, Miss Strouss, and Mr. Workun.

Our Junior year was highlighted by two events which every Trojan looks forward to—the Junior Class Play and the Junior-Senior Prom. "Summer Time" was the Prom Theme we chose, and Sandy Schiefelbein and Jim Mahar were the members selected to head the General Prom Committee. Serving on the general committee were the members of the steering committee: Leslie Beetz, Dave Nance, Sandy Cook, Tom Matychowiak, Duane Stremlau, Jim Goebel, and Sandy Schiefelbein. Working in conjunction with the general committee and sharing the burden, one found the class officers: Steve Carlson, president, Bill Marmion, vice-president, and Bob Munson, who took over the duties of secretary-treasurer in the fall when Peg Leamy left. Through the combined efforts of the committee members and other class members who helped share the responsibility, we had a very pleasant and successful Prom.

Following the Prom and concluding the memorable evening was the annual Post-prom party, sponsored jointly by the Mendota Elks Lodge and the Lions Club at the Elks.

The class officers and their dates take time out for a quick picture during the momentous Junior-Senior Prom of 1960.



of our high school careers

For our first class play Mr. Warren, the director, chose a fantasy "Green Valley". Besides earning money for the class treasury, it gave many a chance to help in the presentation of a play. Tom Matychowiak and Don Stamberger, the leading actors, plus many others will never forget this production.

The first all-school speech contest was held to find the hidden talent present in our student body; our class advanced wrestling from a gym class activity to public entertainment by sponsoring the first wrestling show, and the students rose in protest of the lunch program by instigating a three-day cafeteria boycott. Karole Schofield and Kent Carnahan paired up to become a charming couple as Junior members of the Homecoming court.

Our council members were Karole Schofield, Steve Carlson, and Adrienne Althaus. Bev Glaser, Cathy Johnson, and Sandy Schiefelbein also obtained Student Council posts this year.

Aiding us through the rigors of our Junior year were the advisors: Miss Dose, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Redman, Mr. Morris, and Miss Strouss.

Summer gave way to fall, and the fourth and final year marched in, bringing with it its notable and most remembered "lasts". From early September it found Bill Marmion as class president, Don Stamberger as vice-president, and Mary Lipke as secretary-treasurer busily concerned with Atodnem finance. In true spirit, members became concession stand workers to aid the cause. The steering committee composed of Leslie Beetz, Judy Simpson, Steve Carlson, Tom Matychowiak, John Pohl, Jim Goebel, and Ron Weitzel along with the advisors Mr. Workun, Mr. Doenier, Miss Paul, Mrs. Doenier, Miss Payne, Mr. Murdock, and Miss Breese was concerned chiefly with the enormous undertaking of the Atodnem edition.

Our King and Queen, Jim Mahar and Sandy Schiefelbein, led the Homecoming Grand March and were followed by the senior court attendants, Janet Auchstetter and Duane Stremlau.

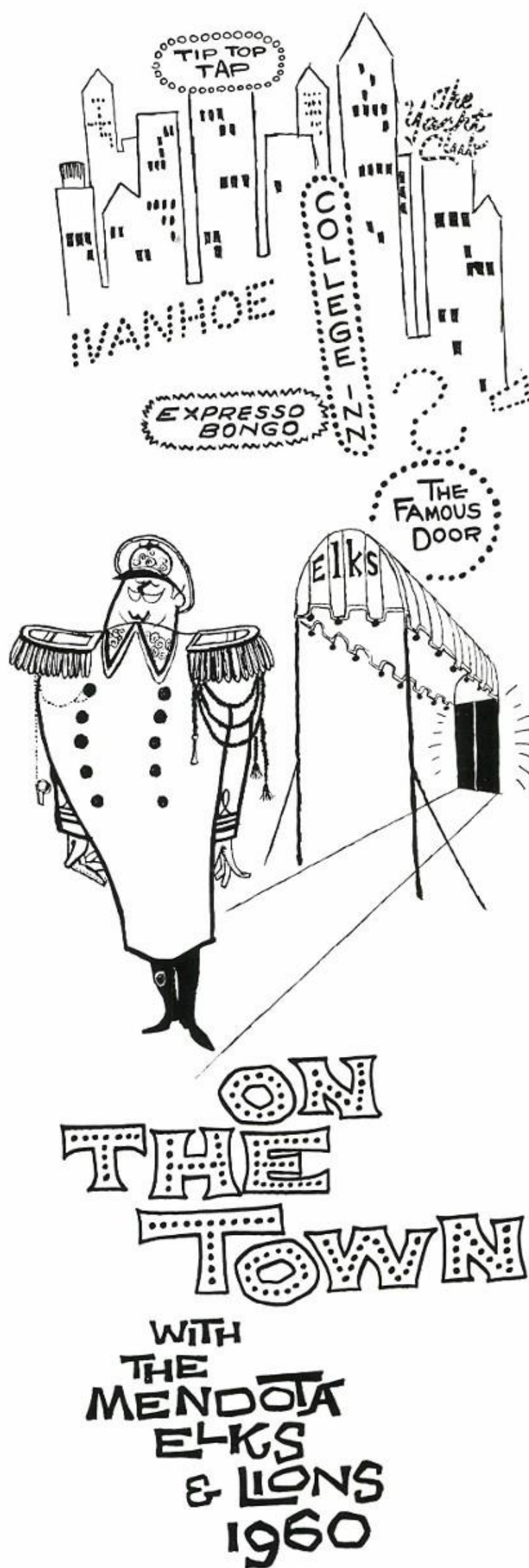
In an effort to make the fiftieth edition outstanding, the size of the yearbook was necessarily increased; to award recognition to those deserving, more members were added to the staff to do the vast amount of research work needed.

The agenda for finance included the usual dances and magazine sales, the concession stand, an intramural wrestling show, and bumper sticker sales. Our class play was a drama by Robert Sherwood, "Abe Lincoln in Illinois". This lengthy but successful production, which was directed by Mr. Warren, will long be remembered by all the cast, but especially by Karole Schofield, who portrayed Mary Todd, and Ron Weitzel, who portrayed Abe Lincoln.

As Seniors we attended the Prom as guests and enjoyed appreciably the Elk and Lion Post-Prom party. This evening, too, is now another moment to remember. Yes, the final year passed all too quickly.

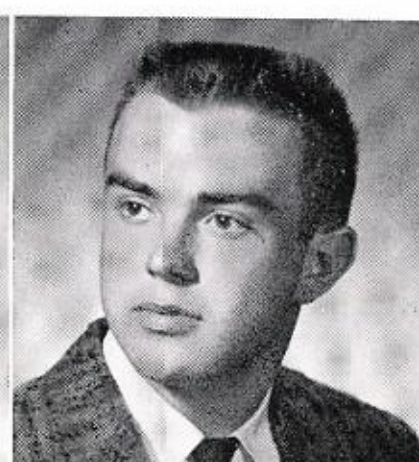
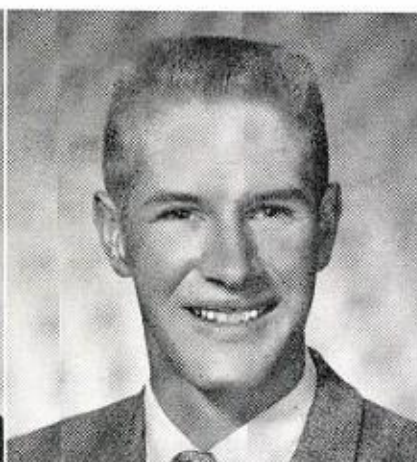
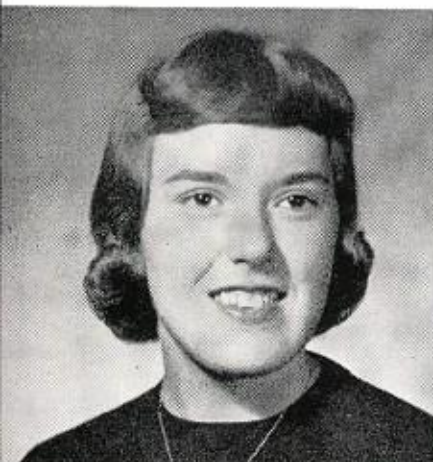
We would like to express our appreciation to our advisors for their priceless assistance with our many projects. We also want to say thank you to our teachers. We look toward the future, but we cannot forget the past.

Though each of us turns his separate way in life, those fond memories will never leave us. We say farewell, MHS.



The cover of the Post-Prom program refreshes the memory of many who, through the courtesy of the Elks and Lions, enjoyed that wonderful all-night gala event.

The 1961 seniors become anniversary class at MHS

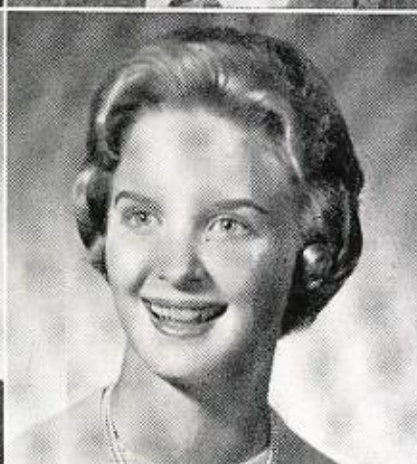


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Secretary
Treasurer

DONALD STAMBERGER
Vice-president

KAROLE SCHOFIELD
Student Council
President

WILLIAM MARMION
President



DONALD MILLER

CATHY JOHNSON

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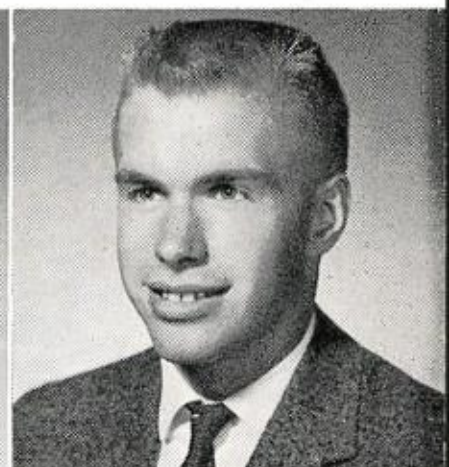
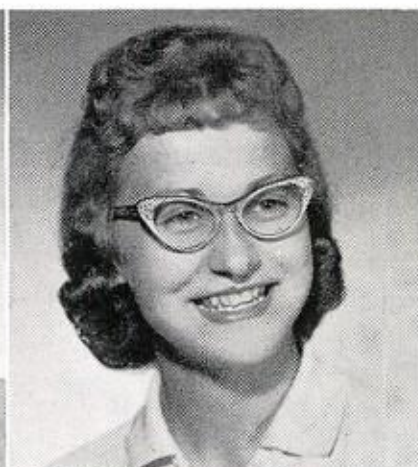
THE STEERING COMMITTEE, consisting of class officers, advisors, and a member selected from each homeroom, have guided the class activities and have helped make our senior year more enjoyable and memorable. The committee included, STANDING: T. Matychowiak, Miss Paul, L. Beetz, Mr. Doenier, R. Weitzel, Mr. Murdock, J. Pohl, Miss Breese, J. Goebel, J. Simpson, S. Carlson; SEATED: M. Lipke, Mr. Workun, W. Marmion, Miss Payne, D. Stamberger, and Mrs. Doenier.

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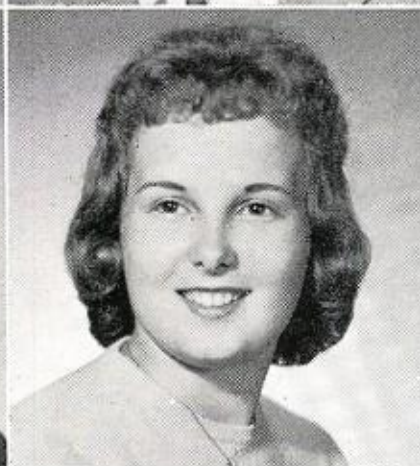


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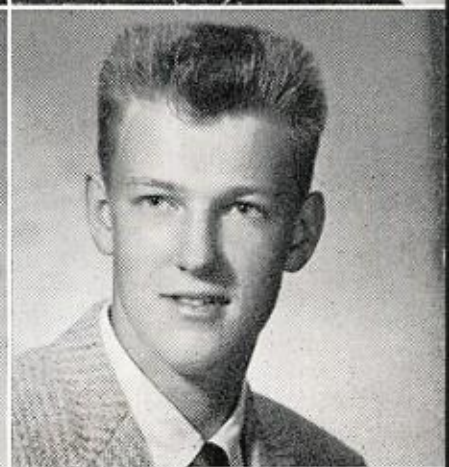
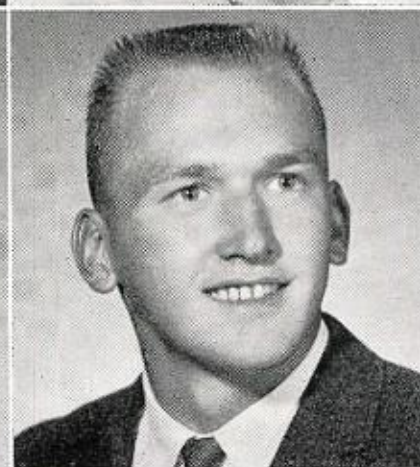


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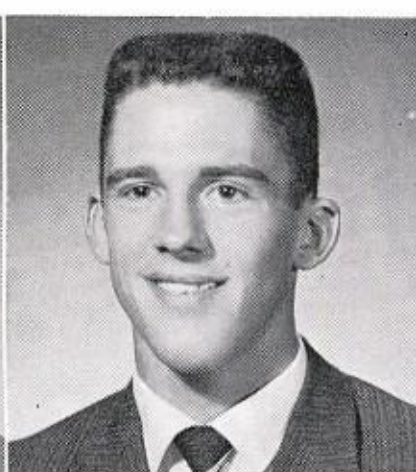
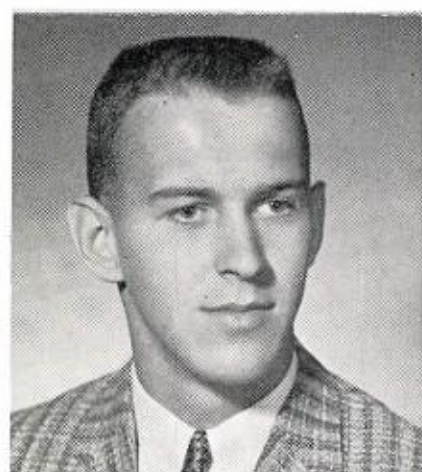
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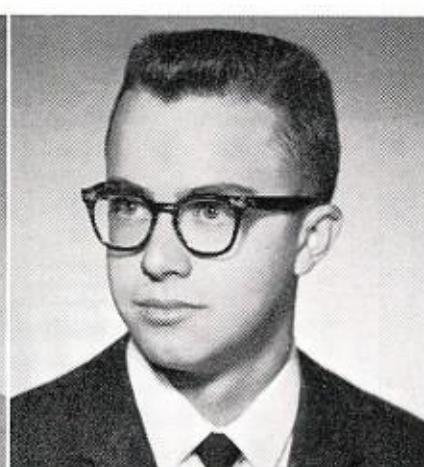
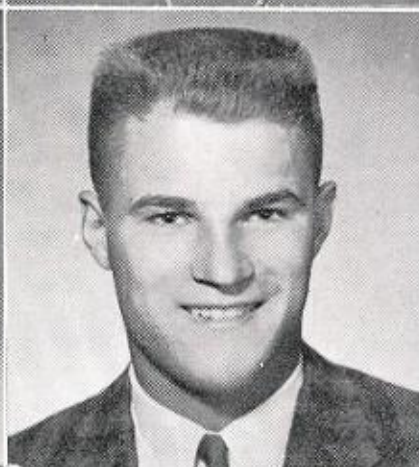
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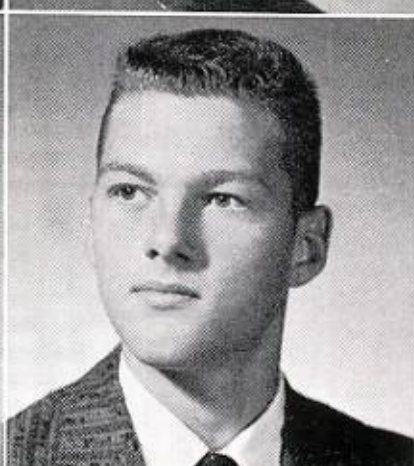
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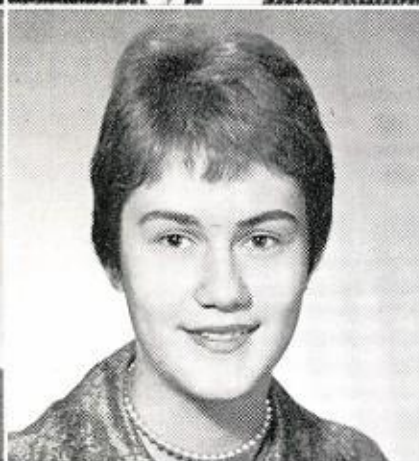
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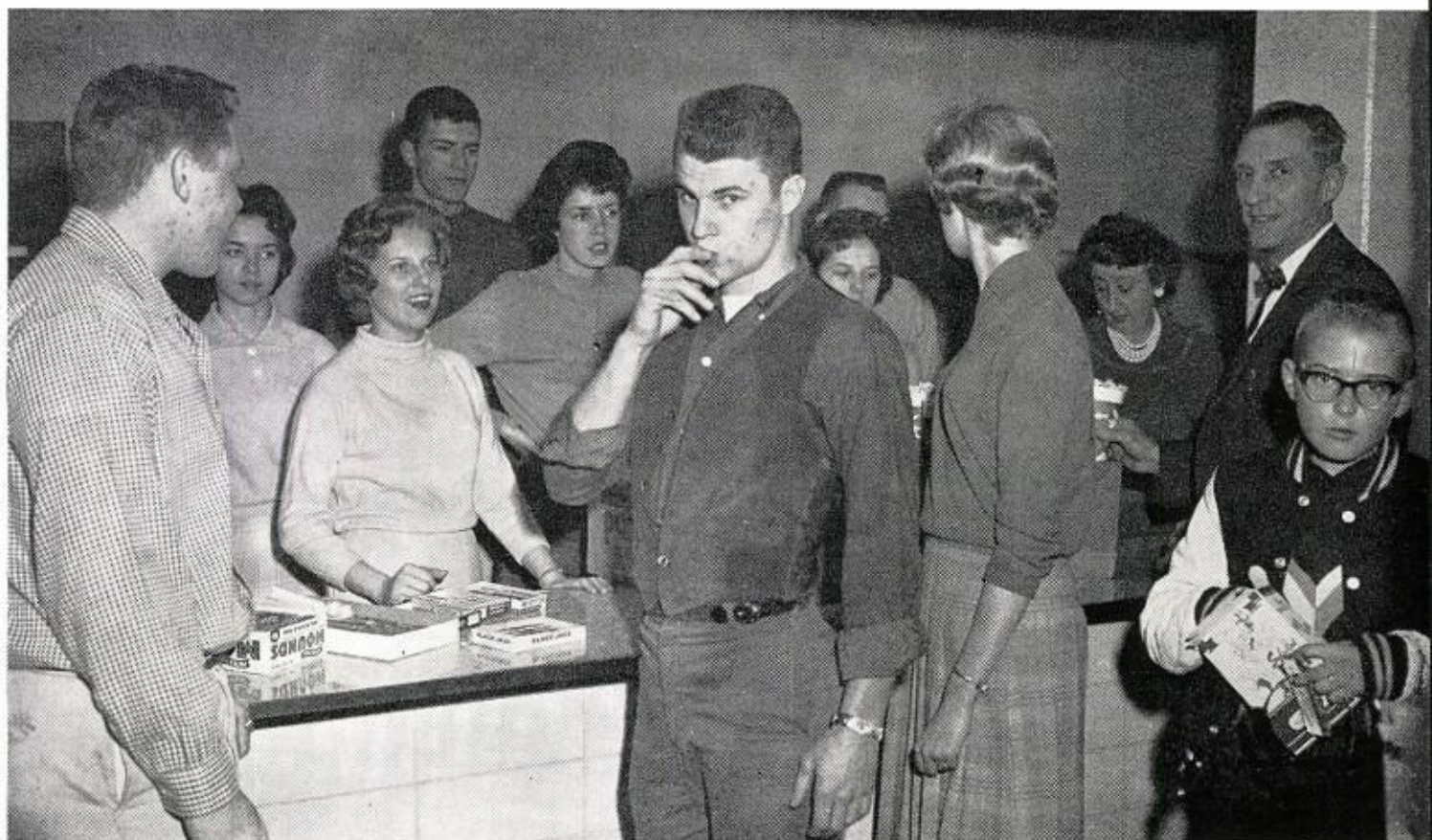


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 RONALD WALTON



BERNARD KLEIN
 BARBARA WHITMORE
 RONALD FOUTS
 KARLA EKSTROM

OUR CHIEF MONEY-MAKING project for financing our ATOD-NEM was the concession stand, which we operated at all home football and basketball games. Special thanks to our class president, Bill Marmion, for the fine job he did in obtaining all the workers for the games; and, also, for taking care of all the supplies. It's a big job, isn't it, Bill?

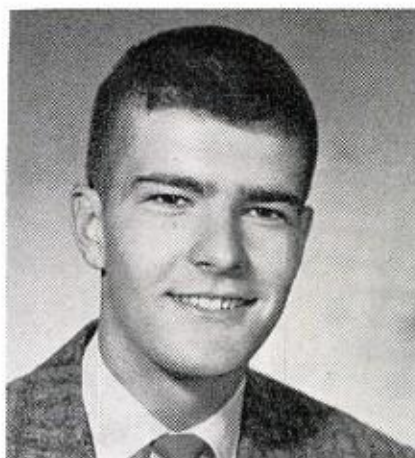


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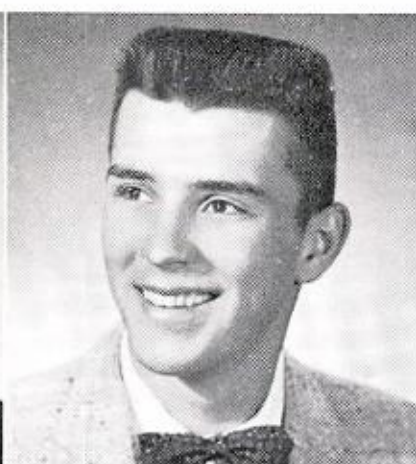
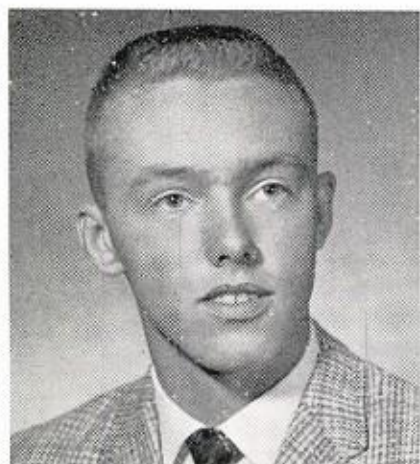


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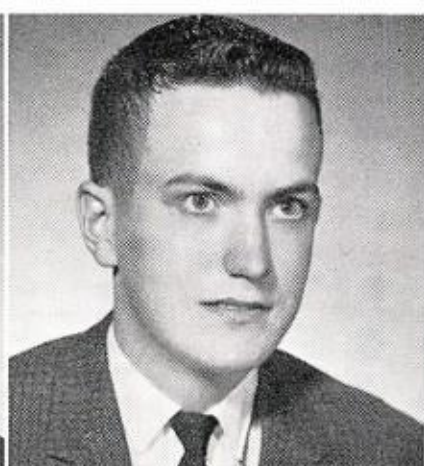
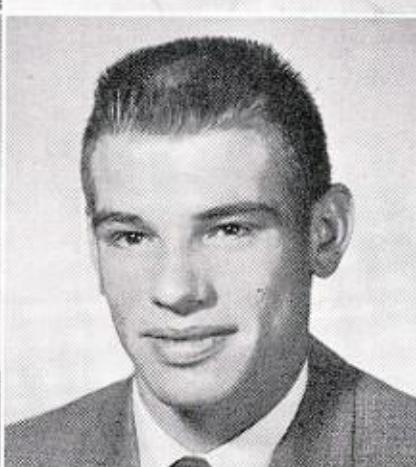


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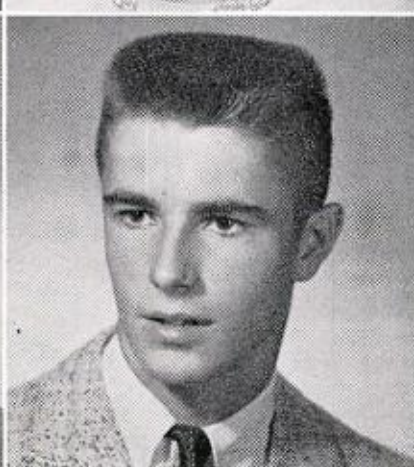
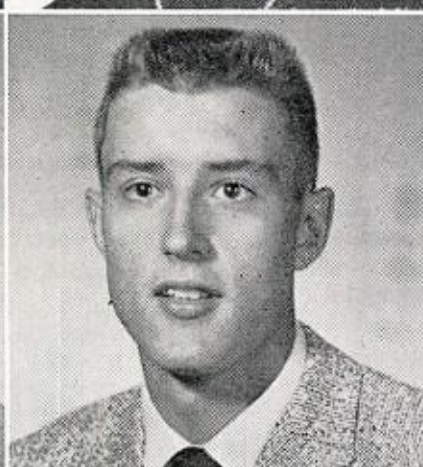


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PATRICIA PILLER

EDWARD HANSON



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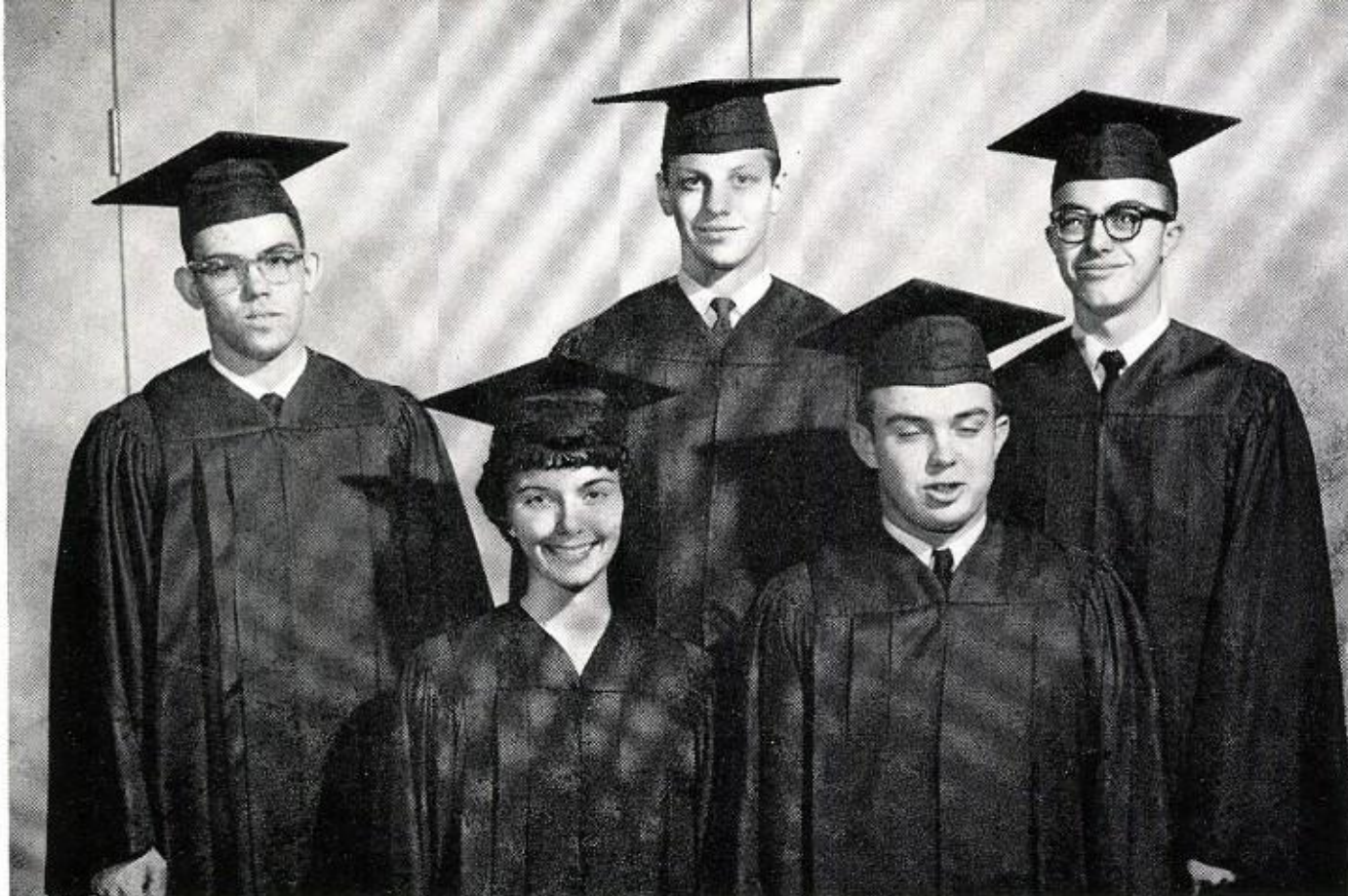
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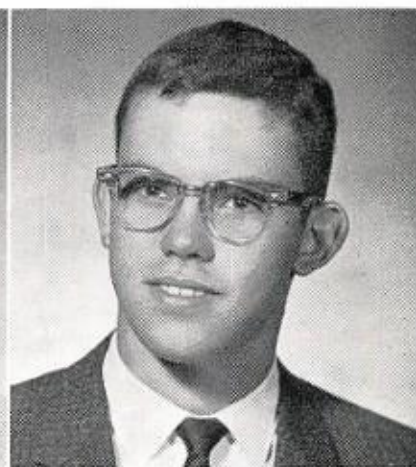
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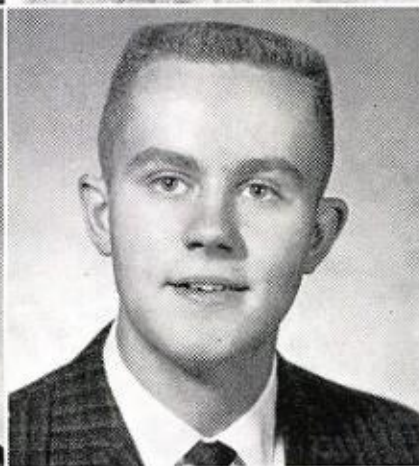


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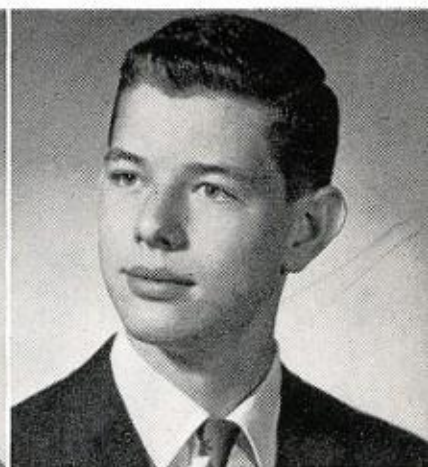
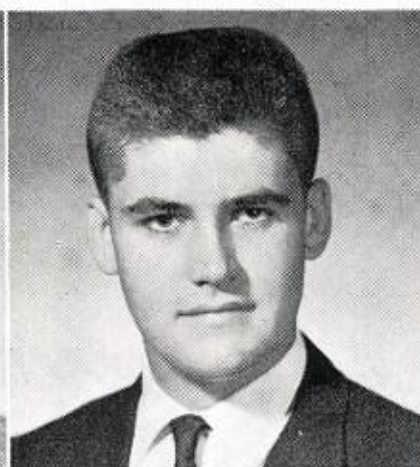
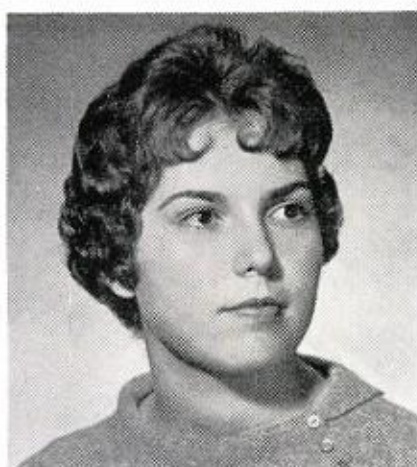
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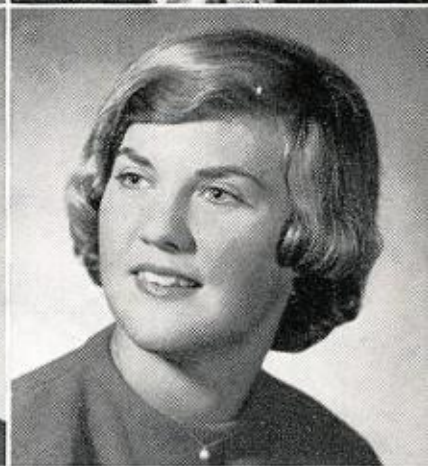
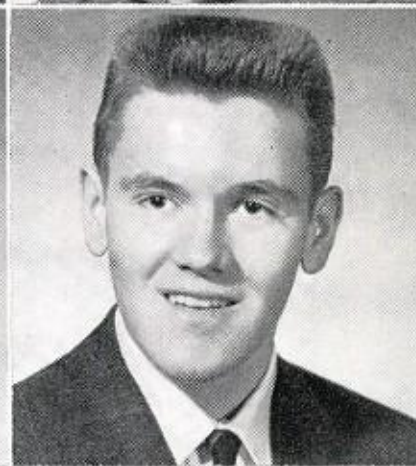


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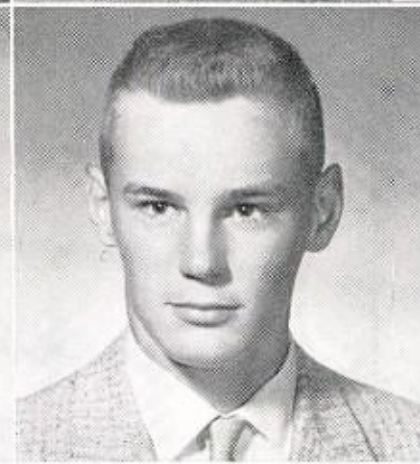


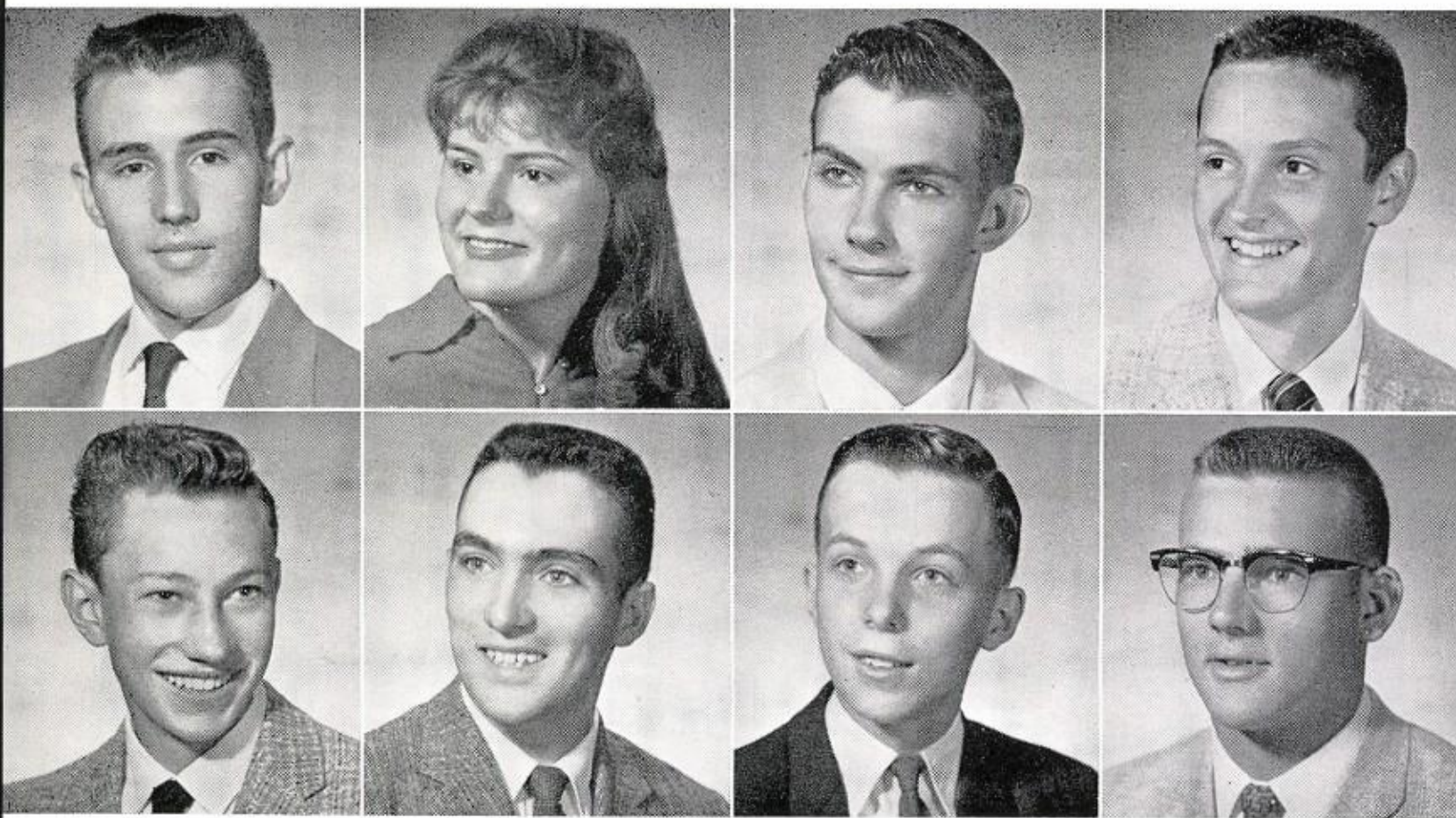
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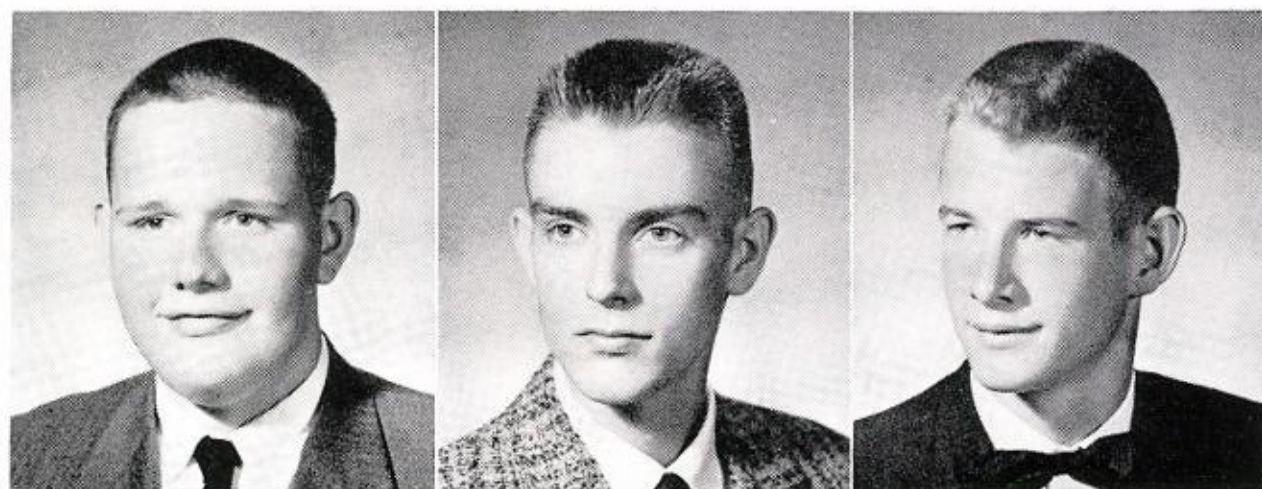


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JAMES DESPAIN



GARY FOSTER
ROBERT MOON



DON WEBER
RAY REBHOLZ
FRED MEDLAR

Senior statistics

ADRIENNE ALTHAUS

Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 2, 3, 4; Art Club 2; National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; FTA 1, 2; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Committee Chairman 4; Girls' Chorus 1, Mixed Chorus, Contest 2, 3, 4; Vocal Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Festival 4; Class Play Actor 3; Homecoming Committee 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Lite Feature Writer 4; Drama Club 3; Atodnem Art Staff, Finance 4

KEITH ALTHAUS

Prom Committee 3; Mixed Chorus, Vocal Ensemble, Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; Vocal Soloist, Festival 2, 3, 4; Officer, All-State Chorus; Class Play Stage Construction 4; Contest Play Stage Construction 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4

JANET AUCHSTETTER

GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Swimming Manager 3; Girls' Chorus, Officer, Vocal Ensemble 3; Choir 4; Contest Play Costumes 4; Cheerleader 2, 4; Substitute 3; Homecoming Attendant 4; Atodnem Finance 4

ROY AYERS, JR.

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1; Atodnem Finance 4

CRAIG BEARDSLEY

FFA 1; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Librarian 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Atodnem Photographer's Assistant, Finance 4

RICH BECKER

Atodnem Finance 4

CHARLES BEELEY

Brown County High, Mount Sterling, Illinois, 11/2; Prom Committee 3; Math Club 3; NFL 3; Mixed Chorus 2; Class Play Actor 4; Publicity, Stage Construction 3; Contest Play Actor, General Committee 4; Varsity Debate 3; Basketball 3; Cross Country 3; Atodnem Finance 4; Varsity Track 4

LESLIE ANN BEETZ

Steering Committee 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 1, 2, 4; FHA 4; FTA 1, 2; Vice-President 2; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Chairman 4; Girls' Chorus, Officer 1; Vocal Ensemble, Contest 1, 2, 4; Mixed Chorus, Festival 2, 4; Vocal Soloist 4; Band, Instrumental Ensemble, Contest, Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Drum Majorette 2, 3, 4; Class Play Publicity 3; Tickets 3, 4; Costumes 4; Contest Play Costumes 4; Homecoming Committee 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

WILBER BICE

New Buffalo High School 1; NFL 3, 4; Class Play Actor 3, 4; Debate 4; Speech Contest 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

CARL BIEDERSTEDT

Class Play Tickets 3, 4; Football 1, 2; Atodnem Finance 4

SUSAN JEAN BLOTCH

Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 1, 2; FHA 4; FTA, Secretary-Treasurer 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Social Chairman 3; Hockey Manager 4; Band, Pep Band, Dance Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Band Librarian 4; Instrumental Ensemble, Contest 1, 3, 4; Instrumental Soloist 3; Majorette 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Committee 1, 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Activities Staff, Finance 4

TIM BOWNE

NFL 1, 2, 3; Publicity 1; Class Play Stage Construction 3, 4; Debate 1, 2; Speech Contest 1; Football 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2; Track 1, 2; Atodnem Finance 4

WILLIAM H. BRYAN

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Tickets 3, 4; Football 1, 2; Manager 3, 4; Basketball 1; Manager 2, 3, 4; Track Manager 2, 3; Atodnem Sports Editor, Finance 4; Hi-Lite Reporter 4

ROBERT BRUCE BUCHANAN

Camera Club 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Math Club 3, 4; Class Play Actor 4; Atodnem Finance 4; Hi-Lite Photographer 4

PHYLLIS J. BUDACH

FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Historian 2; Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3; Officer 3; Atodnem Finance 4

LARRY L. BUNTON

Mixed Chorus 3; Class Play Stage Construction 3, 4; Contest Play Stage Construction 4; Football 1, 2; Track 2, 3, 4; Varsity 4; Atodnem Finance 4

MARY R. BURKART

FHA 1, 2, 3; Art Club 4; Class Play Properties, Stage Construction 3; Atodnem Finance 4

GARY CAMPBELL

Latin Club 1; Band, Instrumental Ensemble, District Contest, Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Festival Band 3, 4; State Contest 2, 3; Equipment Manager 4; Assistant Equipment Manager 3; Class Play Actor 3, 4; Football 1, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Manager 2; Atodnem Photographer's Assistant, Finance 4

STEPHEN F. CARLSON

Class President 3; Steering Committee 3, 4; Latin Club 1, 2, 3; Quaestor 2; Math Club 2, 3; National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; FTA 2, 3; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Committee Chairman 4; NFL 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President 3, 4; French Club 4; Class Play actor 3, 4; Debate 1, 2, 3, 4; Novice 1; Varsity 2, 3, 4; Speech Contest 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Track 3; Varsity 3; Homecoming Committee 3, 4; Latin Award 1, 2; American Mathematical Association Award 3, 4; Atodnem Research Staff 4; Finance 4; Valedictorian 4; Commencement Speaker 4

KENT CARNAHAN

Class Secretary-Treasurer 2; Ring Committee 2; Prom Committee 3; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President 3; Band 1; Instrumental Soloist 1; Contest 1; Football 1, 2, 3; Co-Captain 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 2, 3, 4; Co-Captain 3, 4; Varsity Track 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Attendant 3; Atodnem Finance 4

ROBBIN E. CHILDERS

Chorus 1, 2, 4; Vocal Ensemble, Festival 4; Class Play Stage Construction 3; Football 2; Basketball 1, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

CAROL CHOCKLEY

Shelbyville High School, Shelbyville 1, 2, 3; Art Club, President 4; FTA 4; Drama Club 4; Class Play Make Up 4; Speech Contest 4; Atodnem Finance 4; Advanced Speech Play 3

BRUCE CHRISTMANN

National Honor Society 2; Class Play Stage Construction 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Co-Captain 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

CINDY CLARK

Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 1, 2; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club Committee Chairman 3; Chorus Vocal Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Contest 2, 3, 4; Festival 3, 4; Girls' Chorus 1; Choir 4; Class Play Programs, Usher 3, 4; Stage Construction 3; Hi-Lite Proof Reader, Copyreader, Reporter 4; FNA 4; Atodnem Finance 4

KEN CLARK

Art Club 3, 4; Class Play Programs, Publicity, Tickets, Stage Construction, 3, 4; Properties 3; Football Manager 1; Basketball, Captain 1; Atodnem Finance 4; Hi-Lite Special Assignments 4

DICK CLINITE

La Moille High School 1; Chorus Vocal Soloist, Vocal Ensemble, Mixed Chorus, Festival 3, 4; Contest, All State Chorus 3; Football 2, 3; Varsity 3; Varsity Track 3; Atodnem Finance 4

LINCOLN FIRST GRADE 1949 - 1950

STANDING IN REAR: Mrs. Forth; BACK ROW: Jim Phillips, Donna Lemmer, Tim Bowne, Judy Simpson, Robbin Childers, John Drees, Charles Montagnoli, Bruce Christmann, Carletta Sunken, Delbert Gehrke, Joanne Terry; THIRD ROW: Bill Bryan, Norma Seiling, Diane Virgil, Larry Houper, David Nance, Craig Beardsley, Shirley Opsal, Kay Jump, Robert Minor, Joan Dalton, Jack Nance; SECOND ROW: Dick Gillette, Janet Jodal, Shirley Sondgeroth, Paul Fitzgerald, Richard Heinzeroth, Virginia Pfeiffer, Nikki Stokes, Dick Carroll, Barbara Bierwirth, Kenneth Reger; FIRST ROW: Bob Munson, Gary Campbell, Walter Piller, Dick Gove, Bill Williams, Tom Lobbins, Bill Shirey, Duane Klinefelter, Bill Motter



Class of 1961

SANDRA L. COOK

Steering Committee 3; Prom Committee 3; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; President 3; Secretary 4; Parliamentarian 2; GAA 2, 3, 4; Pages 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Festival, Choir 4; Contest, Vocal Ensembles 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 3; Girls' Chorus 1, 2; Class Play Properties, Tickets, Ushers 3, 4; Stage Construction 3; Costumes 4; Contest Play Costumes 4; Homecoming Committee 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4; White Collar Club, Secretary-Treasurer 4

ROGER CORRIGAN

Art Club 3, 4; Secretary-Treasurer 3; Vice President 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Vocal Soloist, Vocal Ensemble, Contest, Festival 2; Boys' Chorus 3; Football 1, 2

DANIEL DAVIS

Hammond High School, Hammond, 1, 2; West Rockford High School, 3

DARRELL LYNN DAVIS

Mixed Chorus, Vocal Ensemble, Contest, Festival, All-State Chorus 2; Atodnem Finance 4

RUTH ANN DERICK

Latin Club 2, 3, 4; Art Club 3, 4; FHA 1; GAA 2, 3; Girls' Chorus 1, 2; Mixed Chorus 3, 4; Class Play Usher 3; Programs 3, 4; Properties, Stage Construction 4; Atodnem Finance 4

JAMES DESPAIN

Football 1; Atodnem Finance 4

LAUREN DEWEY

Class Play Stage Construction 3; Tickets 3, 4; Football 1, 2; Atodnem Finance 4

MIKE A. DICKEY

Art Club, President 3; Class Play Tickets, Properties 3; Stage Construction 3, 4; Varsity Football 4; Manager 1, 2; Basketball Manager 1, 2; Varsity Track 3, 4; Librarian 4; Homecoming Committee 3; Atodnem Finance 4

SANDY LEE DIEDRICK

Princeton High School, Princeton, 2½ years; FHA 3, 4; Class Play Make-Up, Usher, Costumes 4; Substitute Cheerleader 4; Atodnem Homeroom Staff, Cover Sales, Music Staff, Typing, Activities Staff, Photographer's Assistant, Finance 4

JOSEPH DIDIER

Ring Committee 2; Latin Club 1; Student Council 1, 2; Football 1, 2; Atodnem Finance 4

MARGOT DUBBS

Prom Committee 3; Camera Club 3, 4; Vice-President 3; President 4; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; FTA 3, 4; Vice-President 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Hockey Manager 3; Bowling Manager 4; Drama Club, Committee Chairman 4; Class Play Make-Up, Stage Construction 3; Actor, Assistant Director 4; Contest Play Properties 3; Make-Up 3, 4; Hi-Lite Photographer 4; Atodnem Activities Staff, Finance 4; Advance Speech Play Make-Up 3; Homecoming Committee 1, 2, 3, 4

JANET LEE DUKE

Benton High School, Benton, ½ year; FHA 1, 2, 3; Atodnem Finance 4

ROGER EDGCOMB

Art Club 4; Atodnem Finance 4

KARYL EHLERS

Latin Club 3, 4; FTA, President 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Band, Instrumental Ensemble, Contest, Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Festival Band, Instrumental Soloist 3, 4; Dance Band 2, 3, 4; Dance Band Leader 4; Section Leader 4; Class Play Publicity, Stage Construction 3; Usher 4; Contest Play Actor 3; Hi-Lite Reporter, Assistant Editor 4; Atodnem Activities Staff, Finance 4

KARLA B. EKSTROM

FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; FTA 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Class Play Stage Construction 3; Atodnem Finance 4

JERRY FITZGERALD

Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 1; Football 1; Basketball 1; Atodnem Finance 4; Graduated Mid-Term

JUDY FLORSCHUETZ

Prom Committee 3; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Recreation 2; President 4; Librarian 4; Girls' Chorus 1; Class Play Make-Up 3, 4; Costumes 4; Contest Play Costumes 4; Hi-Lite Reporter 4; Atodnem Activities Staff, Finance 4

JUDY FORTH

Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Aedile 2; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Band, Section Leader, Festival Band, Instrumental Ensemble, Instrumental Soloist, Contest, Pep Band, Majorette 1, 2, 3, 4; All-State Band 4; Class Play Make-Up, Publicity 3; Properties, Usher 4; Contest Play Actor, Costumes, Make-Up 3; Advanced Speech Play 3; National Honor Society 2; Hi-Lite Sports Editor, Feature Writer, 4; Reporter 3, 4; Atodnem Student Life Co-Editor, Sports Staff, Photographer's Assistant, Finance 4

GARY FOSTER

Latin Club 1, 2; Math Club 3; Band 1, 2; Instrumental Ensemble 1; Atodnem Finance 4

RONALD FOUTS

Prom Committee 3; Math Club 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3; Secretary 2; Class Play Programs 3; Actor 4; Speech Contest 3; Football 1, 2, 3; Varsity 3; Camera Club 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

JOAN FREY

GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Librarian 3; Class Play Usher 3; Costumes 4; Atodnem Finance 4

ALBERTA MARY FUNFSINN

Art Club 1; Mixed Chorus 1; Atodnem Finance 4

NANCY GEHANT

Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Aedile 2; FTA 3, 4; Class Play Make-Up 3, 4; Programs, Properties, Usher, Costumes 4; Hi-Lite Editor, Reporter 4; Girls' State 4; Atodnem Faculty Editor, Cover Sales, Finance 4

DELBERT GEHRKE

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Attendant 1; Advanced Speech Play 3; Atodnem Finance 4

BEV GLASER

Ring Committee 2; Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FTA 2; Student Council 3, 4; Secretary 4; Girls' Chorus 1; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Vocal Ensemble, Contest 1, 3, 4; Festival 3, 4; Choir, All-State Chorus 4; Class Play Actor 3; Make-Up 4; Homecoming Committee 3, 4; Atodnem Activities Staff, Finance 4; White Collar Club 4

JAMES P. GOEBEL

Class Vice-President 1; President 2; Steering Committee 3, 4; Ring Committee 2; Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 1, 2, 3; Consul 2; Math Club 3; National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; NFL 4; Mixed Chorus, Vocal Ensemble, Contest 1, 2; Festival 1; Band, Instrumental Ensemble, Instrumental Soloist, Contest, Pep Band, Festival Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Freshman Representative 1; Section Leader, Dance Band 3, 4; President 4; Class Play Stage Construction, Publicity 3; Actor 4; Contest Play Stage Construction, Properties 3; Varsity Debate 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Varsity 3; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Cross Country 2, 3; Atodnem Finance 4; Boys' State 4

BARBARA GORDON

FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Guide 3, 4; Band, Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Instrumental Ensemble, Contest 1, 2, 4; Festival Band 3, 4; Class Play Tickets 3; Atodnem Finance 4; White Collar Club 4

EDWARD HANSON

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Track 2, 4; Varsity 4

GLENDA HANDLEY

Prom Committee 3; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Guide 2; Points Chairman 3; Vice-President 4; GAA 1, 2, 3; Class Play Make-Up, Properties, Tickets 3, 4; Girls' Chorus 1; Homecoming Committee 1, 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Homeroom Staff, Photographer's Assistant, Typing, Finance 4; White Collar Club 4

CATHY GUILFOYLE

Prom Committee 3; Girls' Chorus 2; Mixed Chorus 3; Class Play Usher 4; Homecoming Committee 4; Atodnem Finance 4

DANIEL ION HELTNESS

Class Play Stage Construction 3; Properties, Stage Manager 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Debate 1; Atodnem Photographer's Assistant, Finance 4; Camera Club 4

JAMES HENKEL

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; President 3; Assistant Secretary 2; Class Play Actor 3, 4; Contest Play Actor 4; Football 1; Atodnem Finance 4

BILL HENKEL

Class Play Stage Construction 3, 4; Contest Play Stage Construction 4; Varsity Football 4; Atodnem Finance 4

NANCY KAY JACOB

Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; FTA 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 3; Girls' Chorus 1; Vocal Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Contest 1, 2, 3; Festival 2, 3; Class Play Publicity 3; Homecoming Committee 1, 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Faculty Co-Editor, Cover Sales, Finance 4; Hi-Lite Proof Reader, Copyreader, Reporter 4

CATHY JOHNSON

Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; FTA, Secretary-Treasurer 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Swimming Manager 4; Drama Club, Secretary-Treasurer 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 3; Class Play Properties, Usher 3; Actor 4; Contest Play Actor 4; Homecoming Committee 4; Student Council, Committee Chairman 4; Atodnem Finance 4

JUDY MARIE JONES

FHA 3, 4; Degree Chairman 4; Girls' Chorus 1, 3; Mixed Chorus, Officer 4; Class Play Make-Up 3, 4; Properties 4; Atodnem Finance 4

MICHAEL P. JONES

Camera Club 4; Latin Club 1, 2; Math Club 3; Atodnem Finance 4

JANET KAY JORDAL

Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Art Club 4; Math Club 3; National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 4; FHA 4; FTA 1, 2, 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 3, 4; Band, Section Leader, Instrumental Ensemble, Contest, Pep Band, Majorette 1, 2, 3, 4; Librarian 3, 4; Class Play Stage Construction 3; Publicity 4; Atodnem Finance 4

JUDITH ANN KEMPER

Rochelle High School, Rochelle, 4 months in '59; Prom Committee 3; GAA 1; Girls' Chorus 1; Mixed Chorus, Vocal Ensemble 4; Atodnem Finance 4

BERNARD KLEIN

Class Play Stage Construction 3; Football 1, 2; Atodnem Finance 4

GARY LEISER

Latin Club 1; Class Play Stage Construction 3; Debate 2; Football 1; Golf 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

MARY LOU LEISER

Class Play Usher 3; Contest Play Programs, General Committee 3; GAA 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

MARY LIPKE

Class Secretary-Treasurer 4; Ring Committee 2; Latin Club 1, 2; FHA 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 3; Basketball Manager 4; Mixed Chorus 3; Atodnem Finance 4

JAMES MAHAR

Prom Committee General Co-Chairman 3; Class Play Stage Construction 3, 4; Costumes 4; Contest Play Stage Construction 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Co-Captain 4; Track 1, 2, 3; Varsity 2, 3; Homecoming Committee 2, 3; King 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Atodnem Photographer's Assistant, Finance 4

SUSAN JANE MARKO

Prom Committee 3; GAA 2, 3, 4; Tumbling Manager 2; Secretary-Treasurer 3; Badminton Manager 4; NFL 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Girls' Chorus 1; Vocal Ensemble 1, 2, 4; Festival 4; Choir 4; Contest 2, 4; Class Play Stage Construction 3; Make-Up 4; Debate 1, 2; Hi-Lite Reporter 4; Atodnem Finance 4

WILLIAM MARMION

Class President 1, 4; Vice-President 3; Ring Committee 2; Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play Actor, Tickets 3, 4; Contest Play Actor 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Golf 3, 4; Atodnem Photographer's Assistant, Equipment Manager, Concession Manager, Research Staff, Finance Chairman 4; Commencement Speaker 4

TOM MATYCHOWIAK

Steering Committee 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 4; NFL 2, 3, 4; President 4; Class Play Actor 3, 4; Varsity Debate 2, 3, 4; Speech Contest 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Sports Staff, Football Co-Editor, Research Staff, Photographer's Assistant, Finance 4; Commencement Speaker 4

DUANE J. McCOLLUM

DO Club 3, 4; President 4; Secretary-Treasurer 3; Class Play Stage Construction 3; Atodnem Finance 4; Track Manager 1

FREDERICK C. MEDLAR

Football 1; Class Play Tickets 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4



BLACKSTONE FIRST GRADE 1949-50

BACK ROW: Leslie Beetz, David Dilbeck, Dennis Orr, Mrs. Bruckner, Barbara Gordon, Karla Ekstrom, Jim Goebel; THIRD ROW: Nancy Jacob, Marlene Metzen, Dick Clinite, Billy Mean, Steve Carlson, Tom . . . , Ron Weitzel; SECOND ROW: Judy Mayer, Duane McCollum, Charlie Betz, Sue Blotch, Judy Forth, Bob Schnuckel; FRONT ROW: Pat Piller, Terry Yost, Dick Hammond, Gary Foster, Connie Ansteth, Sandy Snyder, Adrienne Althaus

Activities

MARLENE METZEN

Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; FHA 4; FTA 3, 4; Librarian 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball Manager 2; Drama Club, Committee Chairman 4; Class Play Prompter 4; Programs 3, Tickets 3, 4; Homecoming Committee 1, 2, 3; Advanced Speech Play 3; Hi-Lite Feature Writer 4; Atodnem Faculty Editor, Cover Sales, Finance 4

LOUISE McLAUGHLIN

Advanced Speech Play 3; Atodnem Finance 4

DONALD ALBERT MILLER

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 2, 3, Varsity 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

CHARLES MONTAGNOLI

Latin Club 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2; Contest, Vocal Ensemble 1; Football 1; Basketball 1; Atodnem Photographer's Assistant, Finance 4

ROBERT LEE MOON

Camera Club 2, 3, 4; Art Club 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Contest 3; Vocal Soloist, Vocal Ensemble, Festival 3, 4; Class Play Actor 4; Contest Play Stage Construction 4; Debate 4; Atodnem Photographer's Assistant, Finance 4

BOB MUNSON

Class Secretary-Treasurer 3; NFL 1, 2; Debate 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Atodnem Finance 4; Varsity Track 4

DAVID NANCE

Steering Committee 3; Class Play Stage Construction 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1, 3, Varsity 3, Manager 2; Atodnem Finance 4

LARRY NEUHAFEN

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1, 4; Varsity 4; Varsity Track 4

JANET NORRIS

Camera Club 3, 4; Vice-President 4; Latin Club 1; FHA 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play Make-Up 3, 4; Properties 4; Atodnem Finance 4

LINDA ANN NOWICKI

Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Secretary-Treasurer 4; FHA 4; FTA 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Librarian 3, 4; Vice-President 3; Choir 4; Class Play Make-Up, Properties, Tickets 3, 4; Hi-Lite Reporter 4; Atodnem Activities Staff, Finance 4

KAREN KAY NURNBERG

Prom Committee 3; FHA 3, 4; Points Chairman 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 4; Girls' Chorus, Officer 3, Choir 4; Class Play Properties, Costumes 4; Contest Play Costumes 4; Homecoming Committee 1, 2; Atodnem Finance 4

SHIRLEY OPSAL

Art Club 4; FHA 1, 2, 3; GAA 1; Atodnem Finance 4

JERRY O'SADNICK

FFA 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Class Play Stage Construction 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4; Varsity Track 4

EUGENE E. PAKENHAM

Camera Club 4; Latin Club 1, 2, 4; Math Club 3; Atodnem Sports Staff, Photographer's Assistant, Finance 4

ELLWYN C. PARKS

Prom Committee 3; Art Club 1; Class Play Stage Construction 3; Librarian 1; Atodnem Typing, Finance 4

VIRGINIA PFEIFFER

Prom Committee 3; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Parliamentarian 2, Guide 4; GAA 1, 2, 3; Class Play Make-Up, Stage Construction 3; Atodnem Finance 4

JAMES PICCATTO

Hall High School, Spring Valley, 1½ years; Prom Committee 3; FFA 2, 3, 4; Sentinel 2; Choir 4; Class Play Actor, Properties, Tickets, Stage Construction 3, 4; Football Manager 3, 4; Varsity Basketball 4; Atodnem Finance Research Staff, Photographer's Assistant 4; Varsity Track 4

PATRICIA PILLER

Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 1, 2, 4; FHA 4; NFL 1, 2; Class Play Programs, Publicity, Ushers, Stage Construction 3, Make-Up Properties, Costumes 4, Tickets 3, 4; Contest Play Properties, Costumes, General Committee, Make-Up 4; Debate 1, 2; Homecoming Committee 1, 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Homeroom Editor, Sports Staff, Cover Sales, Music Staff, Photographer's Assistant, Typing, Student Life Co-Editor, Yearbook Associate Editor, Finance 4; White Collar Club 4

WALTER PILLER

FTA, Librarian 1; Chorus 1, 2; Vocal Ensemble, Contest, Festival 1; Class Play Actor 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, Varsity 3; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4; Advanced Speech Play 3

JOHN POHL

Prom Committee 3; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play Stage Construction 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1, 4; Varsity 4; NJVGA State Winner for Agriculture 4; Atodnem Finance 4

JOANN POWERS

Art Club 2; GAA 1, 2; Girls' Chorus, Vocal Ensemble, Contest 1, Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4, Officer 3, 4; Class Play Make-Up 3, Stage Construction 3, 4

BONNIE PRICE

Class Vice-President 2; Ring Committee 2; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 2, Secretary 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Chorus 1, 2, Mixed Chorus 3, Choir 4; Class Play Stage Construction 3, Costumes 4; FNA, President 4; Atodnem Finance Research Staff 4; National Honor Society 4; White Collar Club 4; Hi-Lite Reporter

FRANCIS RAPP

Class Play Stage Construction 3; Atodnem Finance 4

RAY REBHOLZ

Prom Committee 3; Camera Club 3; Art Club 3, 4; Mixed Chorus, Contest, Festival, Vocal Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play Stage Construction 3, Tickets 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

JUDI REEDER

Prom Committee 3; FHA 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Chorus, Officer 3, Mixed Chorus 4; Class Play Publicity 3; Contest Play Costumes 4; Atodnem Finance 4

LOREN RICH

Class Play Stage Construction 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4

ELAINE SAUER

FHA 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

FUGENE G. SAWIN

East Rockford Senior High School, Rockford, ½ year; Latin Club 1; Class Play Tickets 3, 4; Actor 4; Football 1, 2; Golf 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

CAROLYN SAWLAW

Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 1; FHA 4; FTA 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Freshman Representative 1; Band, Instrumental Ensemble, Contest, Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 2, 3, 4, Section Leader 4; Class Play Actor 3, 4; FNA 4; Atodnem Finance

SANDRA SCHIEFELBEIN

Class Secretary-Treasurer 1; Steering Committee 3; General Co-Chairman Prom Committee 3; National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball Manager 2, Basketball Manager 3, President 4; Student Council 3, 4, Committee Chairman 4; Class Play Prompter, Publicity 3, Costumes 4; Homecoming Committee 3, 4, Queen 4; Atodnem Senior Staff, Homeroom Co-Editor, Sports Staff, Cover Sales, Music Staff, Activities Staff, Typing, Photographer's Assistant, Yearbook Editor, Finance 4; White Collar Club, President 4

DAVE SCHMEHR

Latin Club 1; Football 1; Basketball 1, 2; Golf 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

Class of 1961

Activities

ROBERT E. SCHNUCKEL

Latin Club 1, 2; Math Club 3; Band, Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Instrumental Ensemble 1, 2, 4; Instrumental Soloist 2; Class Play Stage Construction 3; Atodnem Finance 4

KAROLE SCHOFIELD

Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Art Club 2; National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; FTA 2, 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; President 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Choir 4; Officer 3; Vocal Ensemble, Contest, Festival 3, 4; Band, Instrumental Ensemble, Contest 1; Class Play Actor 3, 4; Contest Play Make-Up 4; Homecoming Committee 2, 3, 4; Attendant 3; Hi-Lite Reporter 4; DAR 4; Girls' State 4; Commencement Speaker 4; Atodnem Art Staff, Finance 4

GERALD L. SHERIDAN

Atodnem Finance 4

BILL SHIREY

DO Club 3, 4; Football 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Track 3; Golf 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

JUDY SIMPSON

Steering Committee 4; Prom Committee 3; FTA 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball Manager 3; Volleyball Manager 4; Drama Club 3; Contest Play Actor 3; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 2, 4; Homecoming Attendant 1; Advanced Speech Play 3; Atodnem Finance 4

BILL SIMPSON

DO Club 3, 4; Vice-President 4; Atodnem Finance 4

SAM SLICK

Oelwein Community High School, Oelwein, Iowa, 1, 2, 3; Camera Club 4; NFL, President 4; French Club 4; Varsity Debate 4; Speech Contest 4; Golf 4; Hi-Lite Reporter; Atodnem Research Staff, Finance 4

SANDRA LEE SNYDER

Prom Committee 3; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Public Relations, Guide 4; GAA 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 3, 4; Librarian, Vice-President 4; Girls' Chorus 2; Band, Pep Band 1; Class Play Actor, Tickets 4; Contest Play Costumes 4; Atodnem Finance 4; Advanced Speech Play Prompter 3

DONNA SONDEROTH

Prom Committee 3; Class Play Programs 4; FHA 3, 4; Parliamentarian 4; Atodnem Alumni Research Staff, Typing Staff, Finance 4

MARILEE SONDEROTH

FHA 2, 3, 4; Class Play Tickets 3, 4; Librarians 1; Atodnem Finance 4

SHIRLEY ANNE SONDEROTH

Prom Committee 3; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus, Vocal Ensemble, Vocal Soloist, Contest, Festival 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4

BETTY SONNTAG

Prom Committee 3; Camera Club 3, 4; Secretary 4; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; FTA 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 4; Librarian 3, 4; President 4; Girls' Chorus, Accompanist 1; Mixed Chorus 3; Vocal Ensemble, Contest 3, 4; Choir, Festival 4; Class Play Actor 3, 4; FNA 4; Atodnem Alumni Research Staff, Finance 4

DONALD LEE STAMBERGER

Class Vice-President 4; FFA 1, 2, 3; Band, Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Band 2, 3, 4; Contest, Instrumental Ensemble, Section Leader 4; Class Play Actor 3, 4; Atodnem Photographer's Assistant, Finance 4

MARGARET IRENE SPRINGER

Earlville High School, Earlville, 1, 2, 3; FTA 4; GAA 4; Drama Club 4; Librarian 4; French Club 4; Contest Play Actor 4; Atodnem Finance 4

JAMES P. STIMAC

Camera Club 4; Latin Club 3; Atodnem Finance 4

NIKKI STOKES

FHA 4; GAA 1, 2, 3; Drama Club 3; Librarian 4; NFL 1; Girls' Chorus 3; Class Play Usher; Stage Construction 3; Atodnem Research Staff, Finance 4; Debate 1; FTA 3

DUANE L. STREMLAU

Steering Committee 3; Prom Committee 3; Band 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Co-Captain 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Homecoming Attendant 2, 4; SAR 4; Atodnem Sports Staff, Finance 4

IOANNE TERRY

Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 1, 3, 4; FHA 4; FTA 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Drama Club 3, 4; President 4; Librarian, Secretary-Treasurer 4; FNA 4; Band, Pep Band 1; Contest Play Actor 4; Class Play Costumes, Properties, Stage Construction 3, Actor, Tickets 3, 4; Homecoming Committee 1, 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Sports Staff, Photographer's Assistant, Activities Staff, Music Staff, Cover Sales, Typing Staff, Homeroom Editor, Senior Co-Editor, Yearbook Associate Editor, Finance 4

DALE TRUCKENBROD

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

ELAINE KAREN VERMILLION

FHA 2, 3; Class Play Stage Construction 3; Art Club 4; Atodnem Finance 4

JAMES VINCENT

Art Club 4; Class Play Stage Construction 3; Atodnem Finance 4

DIANE VIRGIL

Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; GAA 1, 2, 3; Drama Club 3; Girls' Chorus 1; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Contest, Vocal Ensemble, Vocal Soloist 3, 4; Choir, Officer, All-State Chorus 4; Atodnem Finance 4; White Collar Club 4

JUDITH LYNN WALTER

Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 3; FTA 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Tumbling Manager 4; Drama Club 3; Mixed Chorus, Contest 3; Choir, Festival 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, 4; Substitute 3; Homecoming Committee 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; Atodnem Finance 4

RONALD W. WALTON

Football 1; Band, Instrumental Ensemble, Contest, Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Band, Festival Band 2, 3, 4; Instrumental Soloist 3, 4; Section Leader 4; Atodnem Finance 4

DON WEBER

NFL 1, 2, 3, 4; Debate 1, 2, 3; Atodnem Finance 4

MILDRED WEILER

FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Librarian 3; Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3; Officer 3; Choir, Festival 4; Atodnem Finance 4

RONALD DEAN WEITZEL

Steering Committee 4; Latin Club 2, 3, 4; Tribune 2; Consul 4; Math Club 3; National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; President 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 2; Sentinel 3; Drama Club, Committee Chairman 4; NFL 3, 4; Class Play Actor 3, 4; Contest Play Actor 3, 4; Stage Construction 3; Debate 3; Speech Contest 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Varsity Basketball 3, 4; Atodnem Senior Co-Editor, Photographer's Assistant, Finance 4; Varsity Track 4; Salutatorian, 4; Commencement Speaker 4

TERRENCE WENTZ

Mixed Chorus 1; Varsity Football 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

GLORIA I. WHITE

Ohio High School, Ohio, 1 1/2 Years; FHA 2, 3; Homecoming Committee 2; Atodnem Finance 4

BARBARA WHITMORE

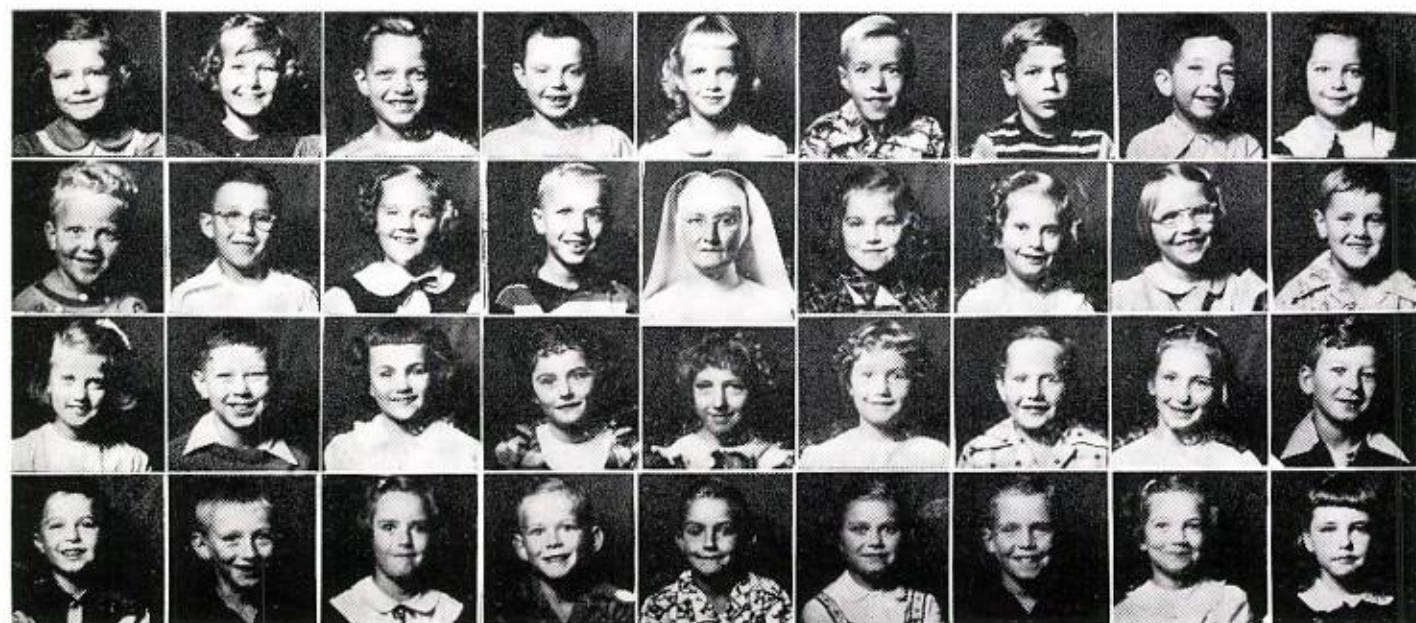
Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Math Club 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Librarian 4; Girls' Chorus 1; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Class Play Stage Construction 3, 4; Contest Play Costumes 4; Atodnem Activities Staff, Alumni Research, Typing Staff, Finance 4

CONNIE YOHN

FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Guide 4; GAA 1, 3, 4; Class Play Actor 3; Properties, Usher 4; Homecoming Committee 3, 4; Atodnem Homeroom Editor, Cover Sales, Typing, Photographer's Assistant, Finance 4

HOLY CROSS SECOND GRADE 1950 - 1951

TOP ROW: Judy Reeder, Shirley Bansau, Duane Stremlau, Bill Marmion, Cathy Johnson, Bill Henry, Francis Rapp, Jim Stimac, Cindy Clark; THIRD ROW: (Unidentified), Carl Biederstedt, Betty Sonntag, Mike Jones, Sister Mary Anna, Connie Yohn, Mary Lou Engle, Helen Engle, Gary Leiser; SECOND ROW: Margot Dubbs, Eugene Jones, Joanne Powers, Linda Page, Karen Farmer, Barb Whitmore, Don Weber, Elaine Sauer, Mike Dickey; BOTTOM ROW: Tom Matychowiak, Jerry O'Sadnick, Mary Lipke, Bernard Klein, Joe Didier, Sue Stremlau, Roger Corrigan, Janet Auchstetter, Cathy Guilfoyle.



Alumni of all Mendota high schools 1876 – 1961



THE FIRST ATODNEM, published in 1911, listed all alumni, beginning with the first graduates, the East Mendota High School class of 1876 and the Blackstone High School class of 1879. In 1919 the YEARBOOK staff repeated this list and brought it up to date, including the interim years 1912 to 1918 when no book was printed. Not until now has there been another such attempt. For the years since 1919, yearbook listings of graduates were checked against high school office records for accuracy and correction. It is possible that there may be errors or omissions, but the list is as accurate as we have been able to make it.

East Mendota's first graduating class has living alumna member

Class of 1876

THE MILES are many and so are the years over which memory travels to the days spent in the old Mendota school.

As I seek to recall something of the experiences of those days there stands out most vividly the personality of our principal, Joseph Reece MacGregor. As my acquaintance with school workers has extended, I have increasingly realized that Mr. MacGregor, both as instructor and supervisor was a man of unusual ability. To him belongs the honor of inaugurating public school graduation in Mendota, our class being the first to thus complete public school work, going out from the East Mendota school on the sixth of June, 1876.

Though at graduation our class was composed of girls only we had not always been unsupported by the stronger sex. Up to and during part of the last year, Harry Andress, Fayette Lilly and Samuel Fernberg had been members of the class and I gratefully remember with what gracious efficiency those boys assisted us when we got all tangled up in the intricacies of bookkeeping. They were natural accountants and had no trouble in making things balance.

We were a fairly studious group of young people. As a class we most enjoyed our work in literature which was based largely upon Cathcart's Literary Reader, a volume much respected by many of the older graduates and placed among their treasured possessions. I am sure that the young students of to-day would wisely refuse to learn the zoological classifications that we laboriously memorized, the only profit thereof being equipment for examination and a bit of memory strengthening.

We had an especially good song book from which we sang. By dint of imagining I can hear the strains of "Paddle Your Own Canoe" and "Rain On the Roof" as we sang them under Mr. MacGregor's leadership. We had no specialist in music in those days but our principal possessed a good voice and considerable knowledge of music thus making this part of our daily program very much worth while.

I recall that during one of the later winters of our school life we held a series of entertainments, the platform across the north end of the High School room which was then the entire upper floor of Lincoln school building, affording a very convenient stage for the display of our dramatic and oratorical talents. We attempted debates and one of the most hotly contested was upon the question, Resolved: That more misery is caused by Intemperance than by War.

Our commencement exercises were of the simplest as pioneer undertakings are apt to be. But I can still feel that sense of importance and aloofness from all every day matters that possessed us upon that day of days. We wandered about the school building and grounds as beings apart from all ordinary mortals. Rev. W. H. Smith of the Methodist Episcopal Church gave the graduation address, Principal William Jenkins of Blackstone school spoke, and each member of the class had part in the program.

The first Alumni Association of the East Mendota High School was organized in 1879 and we held our first reunion in the room now occupied by Lincoln seventh grade, the "banquet" being served in the adjoining recitation room. Electric lights being then a thing of the future, we borrowed lamps from the old Free Will Baptist church since remodeled and occupied as a home by Mr. Geo. W. Edwards. Possibly the most thrilling moment of the evening was when one of those lamps commenced to viciously sputter and flare and Mr. MacGregor seized and threw it into outer darkness.

Alice B. Browne, Wilmington, Vt.

—Reprinted from the 1920 YEARBOOK for which it was written.



LOTTIE HICKS POLACHEK, member of the first graduating class of East Mendota High School in 1876, is our oldest living alumna. Mrs. Polachek will be one hundred and three years old in May, 1961. The research staff wrote to her at her home in Chicago, Illinois, requesting information. However, because of her advanced age, Mrs. Polachek could not answer herself, and the reply could give us no information beyond the fact of her coming birthday. It is known that after her graduation and before her marriage, Lottie Hicks taught at Lincoln Grade School. She was the first grade teacher of Miss Freddie Harbaugh, now 87. It is Miss Harbaugh who took the picture below and who kindly loaned it to us.

WHEN THE CORNERSTONE for the new Lincoln school was laid in August, 1929, two alumnae of the first E.M.H.S. (old Lincoln) class returned for the ceremonies. They are, left, Lottie Hicks Polachek and, right, Alice Browne. Miss Browne, now deceased, wrote the letter reprinted at the left, at the request of the editors of the 1920 YEARBOOK. Mrs. Polachek is our oldest living alumna.



East Mendota High School 1876—1910

CLASS OF 1876

Alice Brown
Nellie Crooker
Fannie Foster
Adaline Freund
Emma Hawkins
Lottie Hicks
Ella Johnson

CLASS OF 1877

None

CLASS OF 1878

Ella Andress
Charles Dodge
Lida Dodge
Charles Driscoll
Emma Fernberg
Grace Frost
Mamie Gallup
Della Hicks
John Higbee
Lucy Johnson
Frank Lilly
Inez Pearl
Ella Whitford

CLASS OF 1879

Fred Bailey
Ida Castle
Eva Clark
Herbert Clark
Ida Evans
Amelia Meisenbach
Edward Schick
Irene Swisher

CLASS OF 1880

None

CLASS OF 1881

None

CLASS OF 1882

Maggie Brazil
Herbert Evans
Violet Gift
Harriet Johnson
Arsenath Moore

CLASS OF 1883

None

CLASS OF 1884

William Aumiller
P. L. Harris
Frances Heslet
Mamie Hicks
Mella Higbee
Mattie Imus
Sarah Johnson
Bessie Higbee
Kate Mahar
Edward Palmer
Mattie Price
Mattie Pulver
Clara Rogers
Mark Ruggles
Gertrude Schick
Mary Snyder
Rose Thomson
Kate Welsh

CLASS OF 1885

Hattie Ambler
Hattie Cipperley
Cartha Garard
Eva Rice
Letitia Westgate

CLASS OF 1886

Jesse Crooker
Maude Crooker
Myra Curtiss
Nellie Dunn
Carrie Fernberg
Carrie Garard
John Harris
Ella McDonald
Carrie Mundie
Lizzie Pohl
Jennie Sackett
Fannie Scott
James Wills
Jennie Wills

CLASS OF 1887

George Blanchard
Willis Colson
Clara Eby
Mamie Lynn

Delia Mahar
Etta Sackett
Harry Shipley
James Skeffington
D. C. Tower

CLASS OF 1888

Lee Beamer
Oren Berry
Ada Compton
Winnie Dowling
Mamie Eagen
Nathan Freund
Gottlob Fritschel
Maud Garard
Hattie Harbaugh
Birdie Kellenberger
Hannah McDonald
Mable Rogers
Edward Saline
Ada Shehan
Jessie Thompson
Mary Wittgan

CLASS OF 1889

Susie Berry
Christine Fritschel
O. P. Harris
Jennie Higgins
Louisa Maus
Kittie McDonald
Susie Nisley
Esther Saline
Imogene Taylor
George Wills
Guy Wormley

CLASS OF 1890

Viola Caswell
Ina Doane
Alpha Gibberson
Arthur McIntire
Edith Mundie
Kate Neumayer
Cora Vincent
O. T. Wills
Anna Wormley

CLASS OF 1891

Carrie Bailey
Sarah Cummings
Carrie Dunham
Artie Gerlach
Freddie Harbaugh
Laura Hayes
Alice Porter
Millie Powell
Charles Shipley
Edgar Wills

CLASS OF 1892

Edgar Aumiller
Effie Bender
Myrtle Doane
Arthur Harris
Carrie Hicks
Meda Jones
James McCormick
Emma Olander
Clarence Rogers
Effie Saline
Lila Shipley
Lula VanSlyke

CLASS OF 1893

Cora Aumiller
Louisa Barth
Julia Eckart
Jay Garard
Hattie Johnson
Louisa Koerper
Winnie McBride
Sadie Philips
Frank Powell
Hattie Shedd
Jesse Wormley

CLASS OF 1894

Thomas Guilfoyle
Mayme Keelan
Ruth Mitten
Hattie McDowell
Josie O'Toole
Etta Sinclair
Mamie Simms
Josie Vincent
Carrie Wilcox

CLASS OF 1895

Grace Bender
George Kellenberger
Mabel Nisley
Etta Williamson
Gertrude Yenerich

CLASS OF 1896

Carrie Farling
Will Guilfoyle
Katharine Hall
Will Kellenberger
Lula Lauterbach
Carrie McDowell
Sam McCormick
Will McIntire
Frank McKean
Jessie Miller
Olga Riegel
Gussie Warner

CLASS OF 1897

Minnie Austin
Veronica Connor
Roy Cummings
Josephine Eagen
Grace Ferguson
Jessie McCormick
Grace Mitten
Harry Wilcox

CLASS OF 1898

George Ansteth
Alvin Baker
Hattie Bender
Alice Carr
Cora Harbaugh
Minnie Hill
Emerson Inks
Julius Lauterbach
Cora Lewis
Kate McDonald

CLASS OF 1899

Willis Burnett
Earnest Ford
Alice Haines
Harry Lewis
Edna McCormick
Will Merritt
Mary Nolan
Emma Saline
Merta Wixom

CLASS OF 1900

Julia Bastlin
Grace Crandall
Charles Ferguson
Fred Florschuetz
John Guilfoyle
Emma Hotchkiss
Amanda Koerper
Ella McDonald
Maggie McEvoy
Charles Warner
Arthur Wilcox
Ida Yenerich

CLASS OF 1901

Addie Aldrich
Agnes Boyle
Mary Crandall
Bronson Cranwell
Mamie Gower
Mabel Imus
Anna McMahon
Josie Nolan
Annie Simms
Lula Sunday
Ed Walker

CLASS OF 1902

None

CLASS OF 1903

Albia Bastlin
Edna Bragg
Claude Eckert
Florence Eckert
Ethel Garard
Earl Gephard
James McDonald
Mary Stebbins
Sam Swisher
Ruth Wallace
Grover Wolff

CLASS OF 1904

Cora Cowell
Foster Harmon
Winnie Harmon
Ordella Hotchkiss
Emily Merritt
Daisy Phillips

CLASS OF 1905

Mabel Brown
May John
Ada Kilmartin
John Landgraf
May MacDonald
Will Swisher

CLASS OF 1906

Rosa Baker
Ida Finton
Frank Foster
Alice Holliston
Herman Koerper
Hope Pollard
Nicholas Reiter
Leila Setchell
Mabel Skiles
Raena Worsley

CLASS OF 1907

Joy Adams
Janette Boughton
Evelyn Brearly
Eda Fisher
Richard Hart
Arthur Holliston
Ella Skiles
Ray Swisher
George Tower, Jr.
Grace Walker

CLASS OF 1908

Carrie Barth
Ina Crandall
Hattie Gower
Imogene Harbaugh
George Hessenberger
Calista Hurlbut
Cora Kilmartin
Iva Landeau

Charles Miller
Jacob Nisley, Jr.
Claude Sack
Grace Vincent

CLASS OF 1909

James Adams
Mary Anning
Leo Bastlin
Raymond Bean
Nellie Gower
Rosa Klinefelter
Paul Madden
Karl Pohl
Gladys Reeder
Bertha Riegel
George Simms
Ida Skiles
Tim Vogler

CLASS OF 1910

Paul Auringer
Vera Barth
Lyle Blair
Karl Erbes
Ella Finley
Earl Garard
Lawrence Hart
Olive Hoffman
Henry Hurlbut
Glenn Lamberton
Victor Riegel
Lola Rogers



Class of 1890

EIGHTY years less than a century ago there occurred an event which has changed the world's history—or at least a part of it. As soon as its real import is understood, perhaps a new chapter will be added to Creasy's "Decisive Battles of the World." That event was the graduation of the class of '00 or naughty naught,—when this class, after the struggle and stratagem of many years, won its way out into the world and into a new century.

Who does not remember what fine teachers we had! And how the superintendent said we were the best class ever graduated! (Of course we discovered later that the same was said to each class.) How we did enjoy planning and planning all spring for the picnic we didn't have,—all on account of the boys.

Who does not recall the time in physics class when Mr. Foster asked for the definition of "box" as used in machinery and one girl promptly answered, "The place where the tools are kept." And the time Miss Purkhiser had us improve the diction of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" something like this: "Scintillate, scintillate, diminutive radiating stellar asterisk.

An unprecedented astonishment induces me to speculate concerning your composition, Elevated to such extreme loftiness in relation to the terrestrial habitation of mortals Counterpart of carbonized isometric crystals, effulgent luminosity in the firmament!"

When this class were Freshmen, it was the largest Freshmen class for many years, and it was with regret we saw one after another leave us, until at last there were but twelve to graduate. These twelve wrote and learned elaborate essays, and recited them in the old opera house where our friends were gathered to see us get our diplomas. Just to look at these diplomas, which are filled in with our names in Mr. Foster's best printing, takes us back in imagination to the old school days.

Grace Crandall Wright.

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Blackstone High School 1879-1910

CLASS OF 1879

Lizzie Cook
Nellie Dean
Frank Larck
Lizzie Newport
Henry Thayer
W. W. Wirt
Minnie Wylie

CLASS OF 1880

Edmund Cummings
Claire Harris
Katherine Hiermier
Sarah Himmel
Josephine Jordan
Olive Lee
Winifred McKeen
Sarah Peart
Margaret Porter
Caroline Scott
Martha Scott
Alice Woodbridge
Evelyn Woods

CLASS OF 1881

Isabella Johnson
Robert Porterfield
Emma Rupert

CLASS OF 1882

Emma Carter
Alice Dean
Elmer Gardner
Frederick Miller
Mary Navin
Arthur Wright
Alice Wylie

CLASS OF 1883

Cyrus Best
Johanna Burkart
Mary Cummings
John Madden
Emma Knauer
Mary Marks
Anna Smith

CLASS OF 1884

None

CLASS OF 1885

Julie Bunker
Annie Hartan
Myra Kenworthy
Minnie Knauer
Mary McBride
Sue McGinnis
Clara Wylie

CLASS OF 1886

Matthew Wilson
Allan Wylie

CLASS OF 1887

Corbus Gardner
Matilda Haass
Harriet Marks

CLASS OF 1888

Edgar P. Cook
Richard Cooper
Mary Pollock
Ed Scheidenhelm

CLASS OF 1889

Amelia Erlenborn
Katherine Frederick

CLASS OF 1890

Clara Adams
Clara Goodwin
Frederick Stevens

CLASS OF 1891

Lucia Fisk
Charles Miller
T. Lloyd Park
Catherine Wilson

CLASS OF 1892

Paul Cooper
George Fisk
Howard Haskell
Madge Jenkins
Harriet McIntyre
Georgia Smith
Della Wershinski

CLASS OF 1893

Anna Klucker
Edmund Madden
Elizabeth Wilson

CLASS OF 1894

Hulda Anderson
Georgia Beede
Edgar Cooper
Mary Denison
Edith Goodwin
Albert Henry
Simon Schuetz

CLASS OF 1895

Margaret Denison
Jessica Freedman
Florence McLeod
Ziska Schuetz
Mary Stevens
Lena Taylor
Edmund Volk
Mayme Walker

CLASS OF 1896

Samuel Beetz
William Cooper
Charles Fischer
Florence Whitmore

CLASS OF 1897

Ella Cavell
Mamie English
Bertha Freedman
Adaline Hartan
Hildegard Reul
Josephine Ruedy
Myrtle Smith
Lorena Waldorf
Rose Weidner

CLASS OF 1898

Carlos Ambler
Maud Bierwirth
Frank Blanchard
Grace Clarkson
Edith Dix
Belle English
Anna Goedner
Samuel Haight
Elizabeth Hopkins
Cora Madden
Emma Schwarz
Charles Stare

CLASS OF 1899

Florence Denison
May Gardner
Arthur Waldorf

CLASS OF 1900

John Dubbs
Anna Erlenborn
Elsa Freedman
Cora Hansell
Helen Rice
John Stenger

CLASS OF 1901

Florence Allen
Emma Bauman
Clara Cavell
Florence Crandall
James Dubbs
Mabel Haight
Verna Hannan
Clarence Hawley
Leone Meisenbach
Fred Scheidenhelm
Antoinette Schmitz
Harry Wright

CLASS OF 1902

Tillie Bauer
William Black
Clara Meinzer
Phil Buettner
Forrest Dix
Harold Meisenbach
Louise Merrifield
Margaret Retz
Carey Stacy
George Whitmore

CLASS OF 1903

Joseph Allen
Florence Barber
Clara Biers
Charles Hansell
Oswald Kieselbach
Harry Pollard
Alwin Schaller
Albert Schuetz
Maud Stewart

CLASS OF 1904

Mary Black
Lois Brearley
Faith Denison
George Fritz
Louis Munson
Otto Proehl

CLASS OF 1905

Archibald Auringer
Josephine Haskell
Morey Hawley
Aimee Madden
Frank Munson
Helen Smith

CLASS OF 1906

Dorothy Allen
Helen Bailey
Sina Bailey
Walter Black
Julius Kliya
Joseph Langford
Bertha Olson
Theodora Proehl
Harry Reck
Will Schaller
Alma Schuetz
Marie Wallace
Lester Wells

CLASS OF 1907

Edgar C. Cook
Hazel Hackett
Edith Koropp
Paulina Weidner

CLASS OF 1908

Marion Black
Ann Cavell
Alice Davenport
Bernice Fernberg
Clara Kieselbach
Frank Meisenbach

CLASS OF 1909

John Black
Henrietta Erbes
Helen Faber
Marguerite Faber
Gertrude Holland
Laura Mariatt
Lester McDowell
Clara Olsen
Greta Patterson
Mabel Rice
Walcott Van Etten

CLASS OF 1910

Lilian Bauman
Anna Biers
Mildred Faber
Clarence Hackett
Marjorie Hawley
Louis Leffelman
Maybelle Milar
Daniel Pohl
Hilda Proehl
Emma Schaller

Class of 1880

THE WEST SIDE did not hold graduation exercises until 1879. Their first class was also seven in number, three boys and four girls.

My class was the second to go out from Blackstone, and was different in one way at least, from any other that has ever been graduated. It consisted of twelve girls and one boy.

None of us has attained international fame, as our class valedictorian thought we were destined to do; all of us however have lived lives of moderate success, happiness and usefulness.

Encyclopaedias and the dictionary were the main reference books in those days, but their use taught us the dictionary habit, and the advantage of gathering information to supplement the facts given in the text books. That was the beginning of the present extensive use of libraries in the schools.

Such organizations as the band and glee club, had yet to make a start. The girls never went to domestic science or cooking classes, and no hot lunches were ever served at school for there were no vocational classes in our day. Athletics played no part in the school life and we had very little elective work.

The personality of the teachers meant more to the pupil than any course of the school. Their decisions in matters of right and wrong and our love and respect for them, formed a strong moral force which has followed us to this day. The smaller classes permitted a personal relation between teacher and pupil which is more difficult to establish in larger classes.

There are no old graduates who are not interested still to hear of the constant effort of those in charge of our present schools to adjust the work to the changing need of the times. We are proud of the inheritance that our children and grandchildren have fallen heir to; grateful that the privilege was ours to help make the schools what they are, and glad to know that progress from now on, must be steadily "onward and upward."

Winifred McKeen Crandall.

Class of 1890

AS MY THOUGHTS go back to the class of 1890 I can but marvel at the changes time has wrought in the idea of a High School education. At that time the pupil who had acquired an eighth grade education was considered fairly well equipped in knowledge. To many, the then three years of high school looked like a life sentence and few from choice or necessity made bold to enter its portals. Thus the class of 1890 lost the inspiration of numbers. Of the four pupils who entered only three remained to the end of the game.

High school in those days meant much work and little play. Athletics and social affairs were not approved, declamatory contests and class plays considered a waste of time. At graduation we looked with fear and trembling upon our first appearance in public and in honor of the event even the school board waxed wasteful and we were escorted in a carriage to the commencement Hall. To-day, what a change—

And yet, I smile as I wonder what our staid and respected Prof. Jenkins, our Nettie D. Kimberlin and others on the teachers board would have thought had the boys of that day appeared in class dressed "up to the minute" or the girls resplendent in middies and "muffs" and powder puffs.

Members of the class of 1890 I say to you both, "Alas we were born too soon." Nevertheless, primitive, plain, old Blackstone, you have given us many happy memories and although put in the back ground by a progressive age we can say of thee as of no other—"Thou art beautiful for situation" for "thou art built within the city walls."

Clara B. Goodwin.

—Excerpts from two articles written for the 1920 YEARBOOK.

Mendota Consolidated High School — 1911

Class of 1911

NO PERIOD during the history of the Mendota High Schools, has witnessed such a transformation as that of the last decade. Since 1876, when East Mendota looked with pride upon her first alumni, and three years later, the West Side claimed a similar honor, the two high schools have been separated, thereby losing much of the spirit of loyalty, co-operation and community uplift, so clearly manifested in our high school to-day.



OLD BLACKSTONE, home of the high school from 1911 until September, 1917, when the new building was completed.

CLASS OF 1911

Robert Black
Ruth Crandall
John Faber
Forrest Fahler
Elmer Feik
Viola Finley
Florence Goodwin
Edith Holliston
Earle Keeler
Leo Krausse
Ella Leifheit
Albert McGinnis
Floyd Miller
Florence Oettinger
Gilbert Schaller
Pauline Scott

CLASS OF 1912

Edna Billhorn
Ellen Carr
Carolyn Dudgeon
Harold Dudgeon
Louise Fritz
Edith Kilmartin
Lydia Kutter
Florence Schnuckel
Lavina Swisher

CLASS OF 1913

Rudolph Anschicks
Mabel Cavell
Mary Louise Crawford
Earl Cummings
Frieda Decker
Myron Dick
Julian Erbes
Elsa Faber
Pearl Faber
Will Faber
Lester Geiger
Helen Hokinson
Jesse Hurlbut
Arthur Proehl
Paul Schwab
Alfred Thurston
Minnie Vogler

CLASS OF 1914

Ralph Bailey
Bertha Bauer
Leola Baumgartner
Mabel Baumgartner
Gertrude Biederman
Will Cannon
Esther Dierwechter
Leah Felton
Elmer Gephart
John Hart
Margaret Hart
Florence Hensler
Eulalia Leffelman
Arthur Leifheit
Stella Madden
Roy Murphy
Leonora Oberhelman
Eva Price
Clarence Schaller
Charles Schwab
Helen Shaw
Helen Truckenbrod

CLASS OF 1915

William Ashley
Lucile Barnett
Verna Becket
Merle Blanchard
Ruth Black
Minnie Browne
Paul Carroll
Nellie Clark
Erma Clinite
Norman Driscoll
Almeda Elliott
June Harman
Casper Henning
John Klinefelter
Bertha Kutter
Wayne Perkins
Robert Rader
Helen Stoldorf
Richard Truckenbrod
Eva Wixom
Marie Yost

CLASS OF 1916

Watson Bartlett
Irma Biederman
Frances Blass
Myra Cavell
Ed Degenhardt
Grace Dick
Lettie Hoffman
Robert Nauman
Hazel Norton
Harriet Riegal
Harold Schildberg
Leo Spittler
Ethel Stone
Lawrence Strawn
Tracy Tower
Hedwig Vogler
Harriet Zuck

CLASS OF 1917

Carl Althaus
Marie Bailey
Olivetta Bowman
Irene Bauer
Herbert Crisler
Scott Dayton
Josephine Ellingen
Eugene Felton
Gertrude Gorman
Roland Gower
George Harris
Henry Kohl
Helen Kreis
Gladys Landeau
Irma Nauman
Edith Powell
Harold Riddle
Hilda Schaller
Greta Truckenbrod
Theo Truman
Esther Vogler
Lutie White

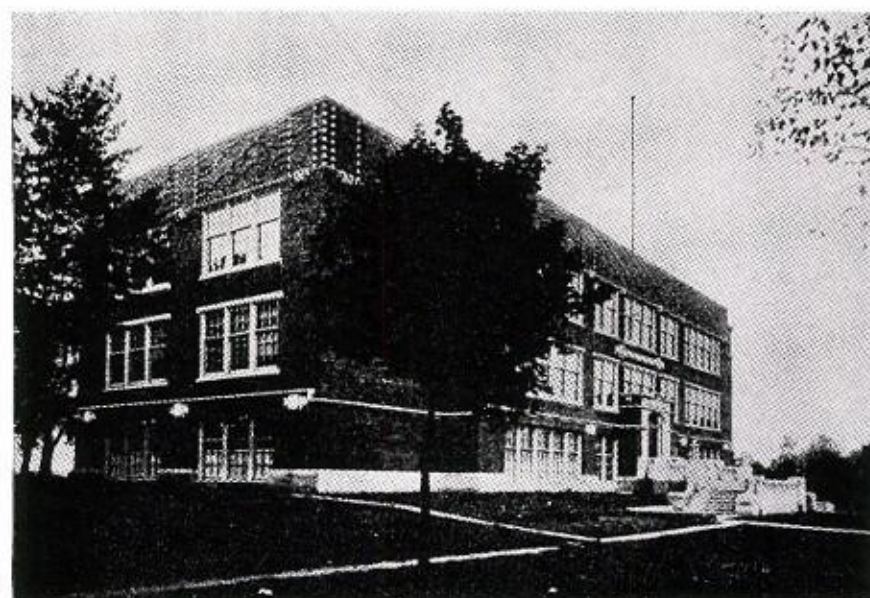
For many years a spirit of rivalry in athletics and scholarship had existed between the two schools. During the winter of 1910-1911 the school boards had a joint meeting, deciding to cast aside past prejudices and opinions and consolidate the two school districts of Mendota. The following September, the members of the East and West Side High Schools, about 100 in number, assembled together in the Blackstone School for the first time in history. This consolidation was looked upon with fear and apprehension by many of the pupils and citizens, but in a remarkably short time the two factions were firmly united in bonds

of loyalty and good-fellowship which have ever been characteristic of the institution.

The Senior Class of 1911, of which the writer is proud to be a member, undertook the publication of the first high school annual. After many weeks of scepticism as to the final result of the undertaking, the staff offered for our perusal, "The Atodnem." On June 11, 1911, the first commencement exercises of the Mendota High School, were held at the Opera House. Dr. John W. Cook, late of De Kalb Normal School, delivered the address of the evening while the President of the Board, C. E. Bates, presented diplomas to sixteen graduates.

Ella Leifheit Larson

—Above is an excerpt taken from an article written for the 1920 YEARBOOK.



Mendota Township High School — 1918

Doors of the new building opened Monday, September 10, 1917 with an enrollment of 216. The Class of 1917 was the first to graduate from the Township High School, the class of '18 was the first from the new building.

CLASS OF 1918

Evelyn Angear
Hilda Bansau
Minnie Buck
Florence Bates
Beatrice Bieber
Gertrude Cavell
Robert Crawford
Farwell Darby
Harold Dean
Clara Dreimiller
Lola Fischer
Helen Goebel
George Guilfoyle
Ralph Herbert
Elizabeth Hill
Inez Hills
Hazel Hurd
Harry Kettleborough
Georgia Kliyla
Arlena Kramer
Minnie Kutter
Gladys Lamberton
Margaret Madden
Helen Miller
Florence Lewis
Cleo Murphy
Harold Nauman
Edna Niebergall
Esther Perkins
Hazel Phalen
Harry Sauer
Norval Truckenbrod
Frank Van Etten
Chester Willis

CLASS OF 1919

Harvey Barth
Lester Beatty
Theodore Biester
Frank Breaw
Harold Collins
Elizabeth Colson
Robert Conkey
Vice-president
Esther Crawford
Maude Cromwell
Irene Driscoll
Adrienne Fassett
Elsie Hess
Harold Johnson
Henrietta Kammerer
Secretary
John Kaufman
Gilbert Klinefelter
Elinda Kohl
President
Millie Lippincott
Sophie Lucas
Pearl Masear
Hazel Mae Nisley
Lucille Potter
Clara Powell
Helen Schildberg
Hazel Serven
Reed Sharp
Wayne Sharp
Edith Shaw
Treasurer
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Elizabeth Stoldorf
Ralph Tellkamp
Roland Truckenbrod
Nina Wicks
Henry Wilhelm
Grace Wittgan
Velma Wixom
Gladys Yenerich

CLASS OF 1920

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Roland Bates,
Treasurer
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Edward Bieser
Edmund Blei
Robert Boyle
Robert Cummings
Marguerite Deaner
Clara DeGries
Bruce Gilmore
Louise Goebel
William Gorman
Edna Grosch
Hilda Haefer
Robert Harkness
Vileta Herbert
Lola Krausse,
Secretary
Marion Kreider
Myrtle Kreis
Frieda Kutter
Herman Kutter
Elsie McCullough
Elbridge McIntyre
Rose McNally
Reta McNinch
Edith Miller
Glen Momeny
Dean O'Neill
Pearl Parsons
Edward Pohl
Lila Powell
Juanita Reder
Fred Sauer,
President
Julius Schaller,
Vice-president
Josephine Stenger
Mary Stenger
Edith Wagner
Stella Widmer

Class of 1921

DURING the decade 1912 - 1921, the basis of our modern, progressive high school was laid. In the fall of 1912, the student body was greeted by a new superintendent, an entire new faculty, an expanded curriculum and new quarters. The new quarters were the entire third floor and part of the second floor of old Blackstone School. A new commercial department, expanded science department, together with more liberal additions to the other departments were offered to the student body. Athletics and chorus were extra-curricular activities, but were held after school hours.

A township high school district was formed in 1915. Immediately steps were taken to select a site and erect a building to accommodate the growing enrollment. After much discussion, the people of the township voted to build their new high school at the present site. In the fall of 1917, the doors of the new high school were opened. An enlarged faculty, new departments — music, art, home economics, agriculture, shop, and physical education — were offered to the student body.

The class of 1918 was the first class to graduate from the new Mendota Township High School. Previously commencement exercises had been held in the Opera House or the local theater.

World War I made its impact on the student body. Several boys, fired with patriotism, enlisted and were assigned to the famous "Rainbow Division". When the armistice was declared, Nov. 11, 1918, school was dismissed and the student body joined the community in staging a riotous rally.

In the fall of 1918, a terrible influenza epidemic broke out. It was of such a serious nature that the schools were closed for several weeks. A strict quarantine of school children was enforced — no run-

ning around on the streets, and a limited attendance at church services.

The first class that had the distinction to spend all four years in the new township high school building was the class of 1921. This class had a definite advantage seldom enjoyed by other entering groups — i. e., as "green" freshmen they were not conspicuous in being "lost", because all students had the same difficulty to find their respective classrooms.

Another feature that is eagerly anticipated each year by students and community alike are the various class plays. This educational, pleasurable practice had its origin back in 1913. The senior class of that year presented the play, "Trelawney of the Wells", in the Opera House to a capacity audience. It was another "first".

Special recognition to graduating classes of a social nature started in 1916. That year the senior class was entertained to dinner at "Orsinger's", a well-known restaurant in LaSalle, and then attended the play, "The Taming of the Shrew". This, more or less, was the forerunner of the prom.

One question that arose periodically during these years was "whether dancing should be allowed at school functions". It was a controversial question and was always "tabled for the time being". It was with a very real sense of achievement, therefore, that students in 1918 and '19 finally got the consent of the school board to hold dances. Very definite and quite strict rules were drawn up and printed in the 1919 YEARBOOK. Those rules have remained in effect, almost unchanged.

These were the pioneering years for Mendota Township High School, but with the expert leadership and foresight on the part of the Board of Education and faculty, we must concede "they built well".

Margaret Vogler Blotch
— 1921

CLASS OF 1921

Cecelia Ahorn
Grace Angier
Ella Bansau
Neva Billings
Donald Cummings
Wylie Dinsmore
Helen Easter
Mabel Ehlers
Herman Esterday
LeRoy Faber
Leo Guilfoyle
Charles Harris
Lester Heiman
Hilda Hoeger
Olive Johnson
Grace Keeler
Florence Khurt
Irvin Knauer
Esther McEvoy
Robert McIntyre
Cecelia Miller
Grace Miller
Josephine Miller
Hazel Montavon
Phyllis Moore
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August Wilhelm

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I. Myrle Billings
Marjorie Imogene Blanchard
Gilbert Allen Blotch
Virginia Myrtle Bohy
Helen Elizabeth Bott
Audrey Rose Boslough
John Oman Buck
Mary Kathryn Cannon
Grace Myrtle Cummings
Winn Davis
Russell Dinsmore
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Virgil Gower
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Bertha Hoffman
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Lilly Zapf

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Lawrence Amfahr
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Harold Bansau
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Isabel K. Billings
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Lula Blotch
Elizabeth Boettcher
Leon Alfred Bohy
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Claude Morris
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Elman Pohl
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Charles Haight
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Donald King
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Donald Larabee
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Class of 1931

SINCERE congratulations to the Class of '31! An anniversary annual such as the one undertaken by this class is a tremendous task. The result is something we shall all value highly.

As the Class of '31 reminisces, memories conjure a myriad of happy experiences; happy social noon hours, an efficient faculty of only twenty always ready to listen to student problems and help to figure out answers; a student body small enough that it was easy to know each one individually; the GAA carnival—a social event; athletics; debate; music events; after-school tea dances; Hi-Y and Girl Reserve meetings; Compton students joining the student body in their Senior year; all these and many more.

This was an era when a depression was being felt. The students had many good times managed with very limited expenditures.

The Spring of 1931 was the first time MHS entered interschool music contests.

About one-third of the class went to college or took special training for their life work. Only four of the class were called into the armed services during World War II. Two members of the class are no longer living.

Today nearly half of the class remains in this area. Farming is the leading occupation of the class—over one-third being married to farmers or engaged in farming. Business follows a close second.

There is much satisfaction in watching MHS continue to grow and exert its excellent influence in the community.

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Class of 1941

TWENTY YEARS AGO, only a short time on looking back, but such a long time when looking into the future, the Class of 1941 graduated into a world at war. Our country had not yet become involved but we all knew or felt that it was just a question of time.

Plans were difficult to make, for most of the boys and some of the girls of our class were anticipating service in the armed forces. Art Brown and Bernard (Bootie) Coss later gave their lives in this cause, and the prayers of us all are with them.

In spite of the uncertainties of the times, many of our class went on to college, into business or farming, and to marriage and home life as normally as possible.

Our class enjoyed high school. We had an active

class in sports, music, speech and many other activities. Our football team had a very successful season under Coach Dewitz, while Mr. Zimdars led the Mendota Debate team to the N.F.L. District championship, where it was undefeated, and to first place in the Tradewinds Conference. Honors were brought to MHS by the music students from our class and in other sports activities.

In all, we look back with fond memories of those days in high school, the proms, class plays, dating and fun; but also with appreciation for the work of our teachers that gave our class the ambition, desire and knowledge to produce three lawyers, a doctor, a dentist, teachers, nurses, contractors, businessmen, a pro-football star, and good citizens all, many of whom have settled in or near Mendota.

The Class of 1941 wishes success to the Class of 1961 and to all who follow.

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DURING the years of 1941 to 1951, the whole world was shocked when, on December 7, 1941, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. The United States suffered a great loss in men and ships. The whole nation went into a state of emergency and shock.

However, national affairs didn't affect our own years in high school. The older brothers went to the service and were injured, died or were discharged.

The year the class of '51 entered high school, homecoming was celebrated for the first time. It was to be celebrated annually from then on. Queens for all the classes were chosen. A big parade and a football game concluded the festivities.

Our freshman year, Mendota High School was observed closely by educators of Illinois with much interest. Diversified occupation which is a course of vocational arts was introduced. The student could learn a trade to better find a job in his field. Mendota High School was a forerunner in this area. The school earned much publicity and many superintendents and principals visited the school to see the program functioning. With the fine co-operation of the business men of the town, the

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boys and the girls learned many trades and professions.

As sophomores we were allowed to pick our class rings and were able to wear them for two years in school. That was the first time this was done.

There were twenty-two girls in the Latin II class, and it was nicknamed the "Nomen Class". This was the year of the beginning of the Latin Club, too.

The boys were very busy too. They played hard fought football and won the championship of the Southwest division of the North Central Conference. As seniors, the Trojans placed first again in the Southwest division losing only one game.

Remember in basketball at the regional tournament at Princeton our thrilling victory over L-P-O? Who could forget that as one of our fond memories of our senior years?

Graduation night came with all its joys and sorrows. We knew we'd never be together as a group again. We have scattered to the four winds. Some have become service personnel, others nurses, doctors, teachers and citizens of note. But everyone of us carries fond memories of our days at MHS.

—Marna Brewbaker Bauer
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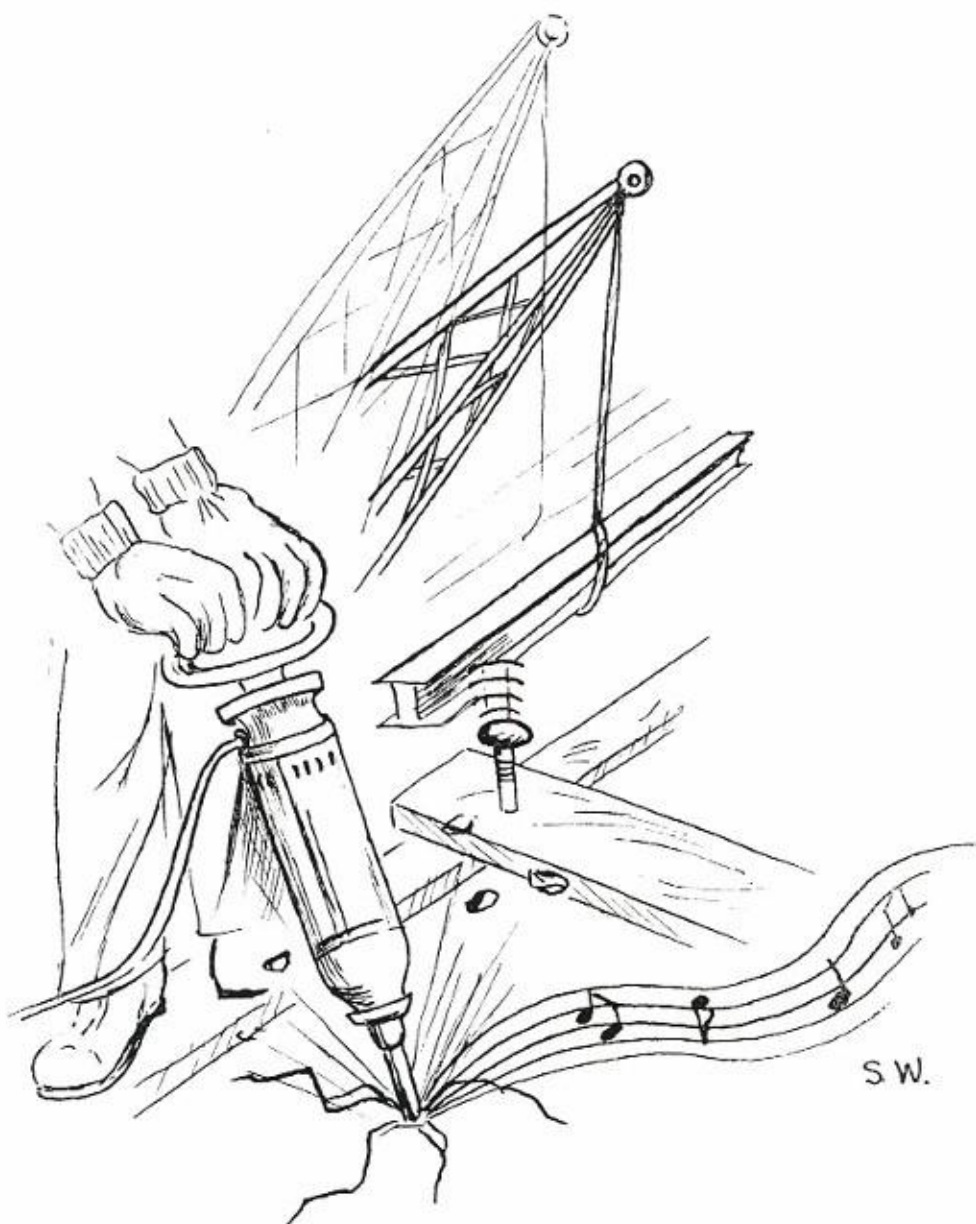
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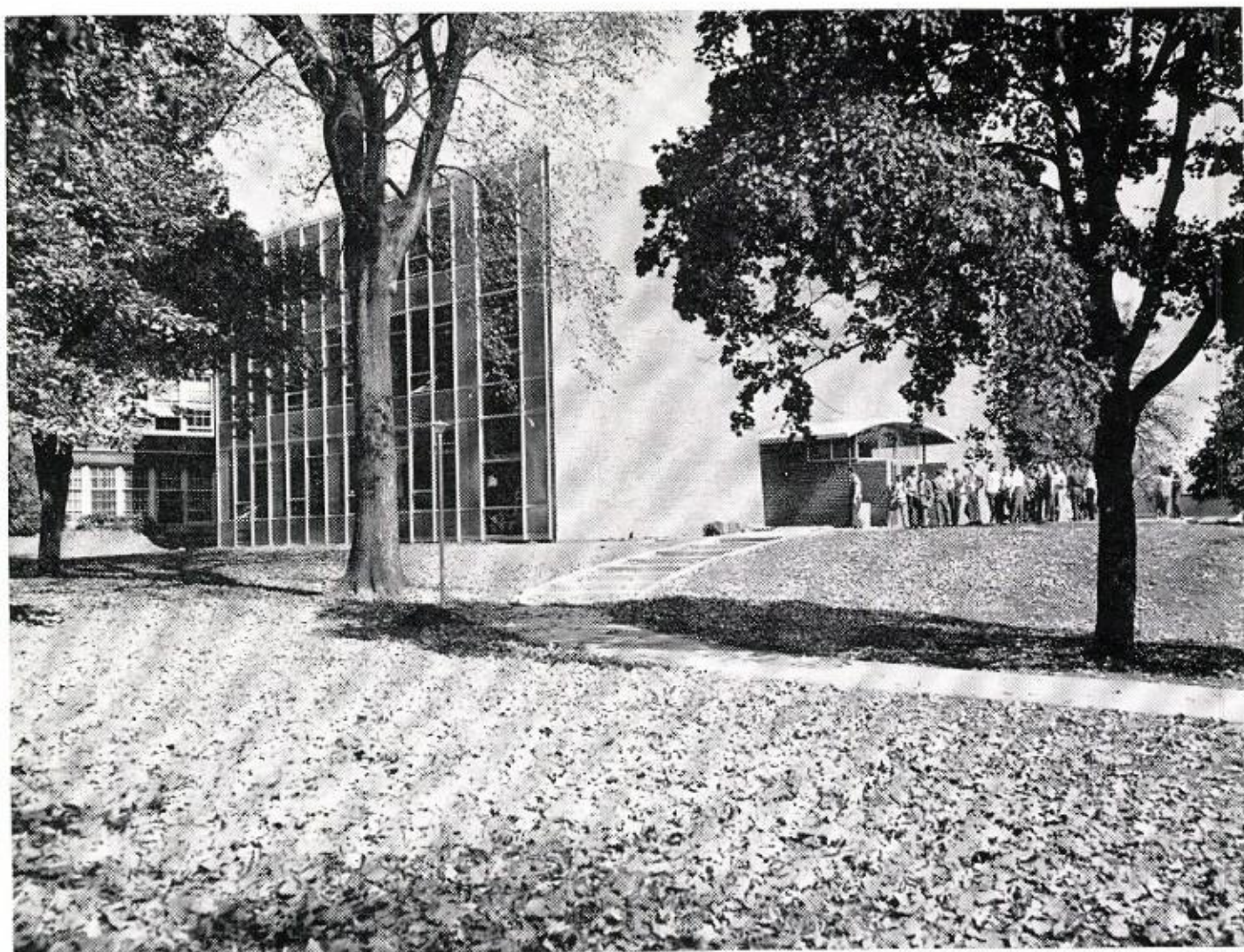
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THIS IS MENDOTA High School as she looks today and as she will be remembered by the classes who have attended her since the remodeling program of 1957 and '58. In time the changes will be taken for granted, and memories of the way MHS used to be will grow dim.

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WE, THE CLASS OF '61, are proud to present this 1960-'61 Golden Anniversary issue of the Atodnem. We are happy that we had a chance to put together a yearbook that will bring back memories to former students of MHS.

During the past fifty years, the enrollment of the school has grown from a small handful to well over six hundred students. The faculty has increased to thirty-six members, and a fleet of buses brings students from surrounding areas to school each day. Our class of '61 consists of 138 students.

As we spend our final days at MHS, we look back at the accomplishments attained by former classes. During our four years of high school, we enjoyed many sports, organizations, and extra-curricular activities that were made possible because foregoing classes felt a desire to add to the betterment of their school. Our class has also created new organizations and activities for coming classes to enjoy.

Through the years there have been outstanding individuals who attended MHS. Perhaps our class will add more names to this group, and, when the Atodnem celebrates its centennial edition, it will commemorate the Class of '61 for producing note-worthy men and women.

Another commencement exercise is fast approaching. At the present, we are faced with many crossroads from which to choose a way of life. As in the past, some of us will attend college, some will enter the service, some will train for a business career, others will engage in farming, and, eventually, the greater per cent of us will marry and establish homes. Each of us hopes to achieve success—success in our personal dreams and ambitions.

We wish to thank the preceding classes for the examples they have given to us. We have learned from their experiences, and we hope that future classes will profit from our experiences. It is our wish that the next fifty years be as rewarding as the past fifty years have proved to be for all the classes involved.

Nancy Gehant
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Glen Eich, October 27, 1955
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Robert Dalton, May 20, 1958
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